



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent B

During Advent at 4:30pm – Evening Prayer will be sung before St. Mark’s 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Mundelein tones for vespers can be heard at:

<https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/psalm-tones>

Patience

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Promise of Salvation

Psalms 85:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14

2 Peter 3:8-14 Christ Will Come in Judgment

Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist

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

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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 -

December 2020: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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! We support Catholic Students attending UAF. If you wish to make St. Mark University Catholic Parish your home, please register by contacting Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@cbna.org .

December 6 Songs for Sunday:

52 Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is Near

45 The King Shall Come

62 Ready the Way

61 On Jordan’s Bank

Songs found in the new 2021 Breaking Bread Missalette.

Chant Mass Settings on YouTube for practice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRQ11bYvfVQ>

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



Facts about Advent.



Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. Advent was chosen to begin the year as representative of the time in history that Christ was not known to us. With His birth the beginning of our faith was founded. The liturgical year ends with the feast of Christ the King, His reign over the universe.

The Advent season has two meanings. It emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and the second coming when the Lord will return again. It blends a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the “Parousia”, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet, which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes. <http://catholicnewsherald.com/88-news/fp/1078-10-facts-about-advent>

The Advent Wreath: Two candles can burn during the evening meals this second week in Advent. Gather around the wreath this week (12/6) to light the candles and say the following prayer:



“O Lord stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.”

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=952>

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

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

RIDES PROVIDED off campus for Catholic Mass and Events. Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564) to arrange a ride. For Mass/Activities. <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.

FINAL EXAMS: Dec 7-12. This week will be hard on your physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Check out "The Catholic College Student's Guide to Surviving Finals Week" (humor and good advice) at:

<https://catholicgatorsblog.wordpress.com/2016/12/08/the-catholic-college-students-guide-to-surviving-finals-week/>

GRADUATING THIS SEMESTER? Drop us a line and let us know. We would like to share in celebrate your success with a mass, praying for your future success in your chosen field.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS.

Stay committed. The school year can be long, especially with COVID19 making it more difficult. We are coming to the end of another semester, so stay focused and don't fall behind letting things slide to the very end. Keep your eyes on the goal and keep your commitment of achieving your goals. Should we fail in an assignment, recommit yourself and begin again. A new semester is around the corner and you can start fresh and commit to trying harder. Remember to get the help before you get yourself in a bind.

Following are Websites-Organization to help Young Adults continue grow in their faith:

<https://bustedhalo.com/> A great site to become active and learn more about the Catholic Faith, life and culture. Check out the blog and their Advent Calendar online!

<https://blessedishe.net/about/> A site for women wanting to reach out and create a community to foster and deepen faith, both online and in person.

<https://formed.org/> This sit give you the opportunity to watch quality Catholic full-length movies, lead small group faith formation and Scripture study, download books and listen to CD's on our faith all in one location!

Log onto: <https://formed.org/signup>

Type in **Fairbanks** and selecting **Sacred Heart Cathedral**. Click "Next" then fill in your name and email address.

Start exploring!

<https://reallifecatholic.com/> Great site for unscripted radio, blog, and tv. Everyday Catholics sharing their lives.

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

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

ITEMS USED AT MASS



Hymnal/Missalette: At the front of this book is the order of the Mass for a specific season in the liturgical year, including instructions on when to stand, sit or kneel. It includes the Readings, Psalms and Gospels for the Liturgy of the Word during Mass for the three-year cycle. Our Breaking Bread

Missalette also contains most of the hymns sung at Mass. *Due to COVID we ask that you take a missalette and put your name on it – take it home with you and bring it to Mass to use every Sunday and/or during the week..*



St. Mark's Christmas Cookie Exchange is **CANCELED** due to COVID protocols. Look for a return next year!

Neighboring Parish News

Dec 8th (Tues) – 7:00pm Ordination of the Permanent Diaconate for Warren Lucero at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Advent Reconciliation Services

Each service will be 2 hours in length with Adoration only so people can come and go

- Dec 9 - 6:30pm Mass at SHC followed by Individual Confessions 7:00-9:00pm
- Dec 15 - Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St. Raphael
- Dec 16 - Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St Nicholas

Preparing ahead for a good confession:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience>

The Legion of Mary along with the Seminarians are sponsoring 33 Days of Prayer Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary for the intentions of **Peter O. and Dominik W.** as they prepare for their **diaconate ordination, Jan 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** 33 Days of Prayers conclude Dec 31. Read and reflect daily during this Advent Season using the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory* written by Fr. Gaitley to help the ordinans and whole diocese give thanks and praise for these two vocations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

ICC Soup Kitchen needs volunteers to help prepare sack lunches and donations of lunch items. Contact Nick Shamrell: iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org.

SHC needs volunteers to hand out food boxes on Fridays. Contact SHC at 907.474.9032

Advent Reverse Calendar - ICC Soup Kitchen will benefit by our participation in this effort. Print a copy that is posted on our webpage www.stmarksuaf.org. Households are asked to fill a box with items during Advent to help bring warmth to others. You can bring your collection in weekly or after Christmas to Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please get the family involved and support the cause.

ENCOURAGING CATECHISM

With COVID-19 keeping some families at home for extended periods we encourage families to attend virtual Masses and continue catechism at home if you can't on Sunday at church. Here are some ideas for parents and grandparents to help:

<https://themassbox.com> Craft themed box sent out every month (or once) to help introduce themes for Sunday readings Think about a subscription with hands-on crafts, videos, printables, and activities for young (grand) children. Check it out!

<https://armadei.com/> Helping families celebrate and teach the Catholic Faith with fun teaching tools and gifts.

Stewardship Moment

December 6, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

Connecting the Gospel

... *to the First Reading*: The "way of the Lord" announced by Isaiah and John will only be fully realized when Christ's second coming ushers in a "new heavens and a new earth." What we do now—how we prepare for the coming of the Lord and live every day—is hastening what is to come.

... *to experience*: Regularly we hear news reports about people who do extraordinary things: a firefighter saves a child from a burning building, a parent goes without food to feed the child, or a missionary gives her life for the poor of a third world country. John the Baptist was surely an extraordinary man—from his miraculous birth through his desert living to his being precursor of the Messiah. Most of us are not so extraordinary or different, but nonetheless, we are called to announce the coming of the Lord through our manner of faithful living. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

SACRAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF MATRIMONY



Sacred Scripture begins with the creation and union of man and woman and ends with "the wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rev 19:7, 9). Scripture often refers to marriage, its origin and purpose, the meaning God gave to it, and its renewal in the covenant made by Jesus with his Church. Man and woman were created for each other.

By their marriage, the couple witnesses Christ's spousal love for the Church. One of the Nuptial Blessings in the liturgical celebration of marriage refers to this in saying, "Father, you have made the union of man and wife so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his Church."

The Sacrament of Marriage is a covenant, which is more than a contract. Covenant always expresses a relationship between persons. The marriage covenant refers to the relationship between the husband and wife, a permanent union of persons capable of knowing and loving each other and God. The celebration of marriage is also a liturgical act, appropriately held in a public liturgy at church. Catholics are urged to celebrate their marriage within the Eucharistic Liturgy.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/matrimony>

"O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.

Through Christ our Lord
Amen."



Observe Advent:

- 1) Read a short, daily devotion;
 - 2) Reserve quiet time for yourself;
 - 3) Don't overschedule;
 - 4) Bring on the Advent music;
 - 5) Decorate, even if it's just a little bit;
 - 6) Light an Advent wreath;
 - 7) Young or Old, read a Christmas book before bed;
 - 8) Support a charitable organization;
 - 9) Don't forget to get to the sacrament of reconciliation;
 - 10) Reflect on the "three comings of the Lord" – Birth, the coming of Jesus into our lives in present time, and Christ's final coming in glory on the last day. *Discipline yourself so you can get something out of the holiday season!*
- <https://www.ncronline.org>

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/>

Please keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski (keep his parents in your prayers as he travels back to be with them to be with his father), our priests, seminarians, religious and all who serve in our Diocese. Students taking finals this week, as well as teachers mentoring our students. The elderly, sick and compromised unable to attend Mass in person. Offer up a daily prayer or rosary for those who are in the hospital and those who have died this past year.

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."

"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."



Parish Support

Thank you for your generous support during these difficult times!

For the Week ending Nov. 29, 2020

Total: \$ 1,222

Checks/Cash \$1,017/WeShare \$205

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 20,548.05

November Total: \$4,623.00

Our Parish Tithe for November goes to the Diocese Special Collection Fund

Donations can also be made by Mail or Online:

*St. Mark UAF Catholic Parish PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or *St. Mark's UAF Parish website www.stmarksuaf.org - click on "WeShare".

ABOUT JOHN'S
WARDROBE AND
DIET...



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

HE'S IN THE WILDERNESS, ON THE
EDGE OF SURVIVAL, ANTICIPATING
THE COMING OF SALVATION.



AND SHOPPING
LOCAL!



MARK 1:1-8