



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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**March 21, 021**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Year of St. Joseph Dec. 8, 2020-Dec. 8, 2021

*"He [St. Joseph] is head of the Holy Family, father of the trinity on earth which resembles so closely the Holy Trinity on high."*

*-St. Peter Julian Eymard.*

Sung Vespers 4:45pm Sun. at Sacred Heart Cathedral

## March 21 Songs for 5:30pm

### Sunday Mass:

122 Forty Days and Forty Nights

445 For You Are My God

496 Psalm 42 (As the Deer Longs)

429 Though the Mountains May Fall



## **Wisdom of Jesus**

**Exodus 17:3-7** God delivers the commandments

**Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8** Paul preaches of God's wisdom

**John 4:5-42** Jesus destroys the temple

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

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Podcast: <https://frrobertfath.podbean.com/>

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Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger Ph. 907-374-9564

Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

Music Director: George Stefan Ph. 907-978-6953

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

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

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

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

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

Marilis Bennett

John Fox

Cynthia Klepaski

Ritchie Musick

Jen & Sean Tucker.



## **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - March 2021: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**Annointing 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 to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion.

## **Reconciliation Services**

March 23: St. Raphael 6:00-8:00 pm

March 24 & 31: Sacred Heart Cathedral 5:30pm

Mass, 6-8:00pm Adoration and Confession at SHC for SHC and ICC.



The USCCB is urging Catholics to contact various drug companies and ask them to stop using abortion-derived cell lines when developing their products. The link below offers links to various documents related to moral guidance on vaccines as well as sample letters that can be used by the faithful when contacting the companies.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companies>

## **Catholic Student Association**

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**Need a ride to Mass?** St. Mark Parish will help provide transportation if needed, as well as other Catholic events during the week when the city bus is not running. Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564)

**Need Community Service Hours?** SHC is looking for volunteers to help with their Food Bank work. Help is needed in unloading, sorting, and loading boxes into clients vehicles. Help needed on Fridays from 11:30am to 1:00pm. (Time varies depending on number of helpers.) Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen is always looking for extra hands! Contact Nick Shamrel at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org).


**Keep up with local Catholic events** for college-age and young adults in Fairbanks on Facebook: *Catholic Young Adults of Fairbanks.*

**Chancery Employment Opportunity:** The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking a part-time Accounting Assistant for 20 hours per week. This position supports the Accounting department by performing clerical tasks, processing, and recording transactions, fielding communications with parish personnel and vendors, fact checking, filing, and other duties as needed. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office including Excel and QuickBooks is required. The successful applicant will have accounting experience or be pursuing an accounting degree. 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 your resume to [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org)

**ICC Employment Opportunity Security Personal:** Looking for security experienced person to work part-time on weekends during our soup kitchen hours which are flexible: Sat from 10:30 AM—5:00 PM and Sunday from 7:30 AM—1:00 PM. Must have computer knowledge, communication skills, and ability to deal with law enforcement public safety, adhere to CBNA Policies and pass a background check. Send Resume to [iccsecretary2@cbna.org](mailto:iccsecretary2@cbna.org) or call 435-3533.




**Connecting the Gospel ...** ...  
**to the Second Reading:** What Jeremiah anticipates (“the days are coming”) Jesus fulfills (“Now is the time”). What is anticipated and fulfilled? A new covenant with all people, a new people now drawn to Jesus himself.



... **to experience:** In our society people often strive to gain glory (self-aggrandizement) for themselves, even if it means hurting others. Followers of Jesus strive to gain glory too. But their glory is a free gift of God granted to those who serve others by dying to self.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

**THIRD WEEK OF LENT  
 COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR**  
 Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities, and entire countries. That’s why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others?



**Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Passion Sunday**  
 “They therefore took up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out from the temple”  
 (Gospel).



The poor forlorn beggar (to the right in the picture), looking at the departing Christ, Whose shadow may still be seen, is a symbol of us beholding the veiled crucifix on the altar today. Christ voices His terrifying analysis of those who ignore His miracles, His sinlessness: “The reason why you do not hear is that you are not of God.”

Aware how much He will endure from an *unholy* nation on the *hill* of Calvary (Introit), Jesus appeals to His Eternal Father, recalling how “they have fought against me from my youth” (Gradual). Yet for them, for us, He will shed His Precious Blood to *cleanse* (our) conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (Epistle)

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

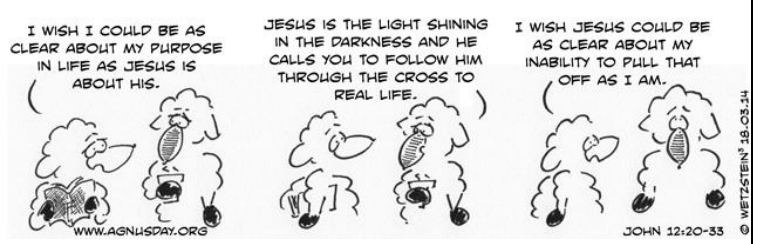
**Stewardship Moment**  
**“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”**  
**JEREMIAH 31:33**

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we do not know, just as God cares for each of us.



**Stewardship Report**  
**March 14, 2021.....\$ 1,954.00**  
 Actual Collection YTD  
 (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 39,942.86

*Thank you for your generosity to St. Mark! God Bless.*



## LOCAL CATHOLIC EVENTS OF INTEREST:



- **7:00 pm Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent at SHC, St. Raphael (6pm), St. Nick and ICC (ICC starts with 5:30pm Mass).
- **The Annual Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony-** Marian Consecration for all Active & Auxiliary Members will be held @ ICC on Thursday March 25th -Feast of the Annunciation. Rosary @ 5:00PM, followed by Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and a brief allocution (talk). Further info: Call 907-452-3701 Please note: All COVID-19 protocol is encouraged.
- **Shroud of Turin.** Join Dr. Glenn Juday at SHC – Sun, Mar. 28 (Palm Sunday) from 2:30-4:30pm as he discusses the shroud and the devotion associated with it. Sung Vespers will follow.
- **SHC Book Club** for 1<sup>st</sup> Tue in April – The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, c.1904 (12-2pm in SHC Social Hall)

## STATIONAL CHURCHES

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent, Station with *San Pietro in Vaticano* (St. Peter in the Vatican):**

In the Extraordinary Form, this would be Passion Sunday. All Station Churches for Sundays in Lent were held at basilicas of Rome, but the major basilicas particularly for the first, fifth and sixth Sundays of Lent. The original church was erected on the site of the Roman Circus built by the Emperor Caligula around the year A.D. 40. And where St. Peter was crucified and placed upside down at his request and later buried here. From the PNAC: “Rightly has Pope Benedict XVI spoken of this basilica as the heart of the Roman Church, as St. John Lateran is the head. It is here that the Church honors her first shepherd in this city, and here that since his martyrdom she has celebrated both his witness and the God he served. While the basilica before us is relatively modern as far as the history of Christianity goes, being completed only in 1626, Christians have been coming to this site to ask for his intercession since shortly after the death of the Prince of the Apostles, as messages left by them on the wall of his grave attest.”

The expression ‘War is Hell’ is so true. Behind all the evil in the world is the devil who comes from Hell. He enters people’s minds and souls and unless they have God in their lives, he is able to lead them down a sinful path.



St. Padre Pio is one of the most famous bilocators. What is a bilocator? Someone who could appear in multiple locations at once. This ability helped them serve God in every way possible and fulfill His every request. After

he became a priest, he lived and served the parish in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy for most of his life, traveling very little and never leaving the last several years of his life. However, multiple eyewitnesses reported seeing him in other locations throughout the world, including in the Holy Land and in the United States.

One of Padre Pio’s most documented instances of bilocation was when the Nazis seized Italy during World War II. Padre Pio promised the people of San Giovanni Rotondo they would be spared. When American soldiers were ordered to attack the village, Padre Pio appeared in their bomber and stopped any attempts to release the bombs on San Giovanni Rotondo.

Padre Pio is not the only saint who could bilocate. St. Faustina also appeared in multiple places at once so she could spread the message of Divine Mercy and recorded her experiences in *Diary of St. Faustina*. In one instance, she appeared to a dying man who was greatly suffering. She began to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and wrote that his soul calmed as he entered his final resting place in peace.

Some other saints and venerables who bilocated include St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph of Cupertino.

The idea that someone could be in two places at once is hard to wrap our minds around, but God through his infinite power has at times sent holy men and women to intercede on His behalf through miracles and other awe-inspiring actions like bilocation.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/catholicsnacks/what-is-bilocation>

**Love Inc.** is looking for the following items this month: combs/brushes, shaving cream, deodorant, dryer sheets, and women's hygiene products. Drop off at Presbyterian Church, 3510 College Rd. Thank you for your donations!

"Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness."  
*Alveda King*



## NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Visit *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)

**Saturday Latin Mass:** 6:30pm- Feb 6,13; Mar 13, 27

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

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

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

**Daily Mass:** Mon-Fri 7:30am; Thurs 7:00pm

**Monday:** 7pm Spanish Mass

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

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Thu 8:00am-12noon

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

### Immaculate Conception 452-3533

\*All masses are live streamed.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm

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

**Daily Mass 12:10pm:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

**5:30pm:** Wednesday

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Wed. 6-7:00pm

*Confessions with Adoration*

**First Friday (5:30pm) ~Saturday (7am) Mass**

*followed by Adoration: 6:00pm-6:00am)*

**Confessions:** 11:30am-12pm (*Confessions are in the pastor's office*) - M, Tu, Th, F; W - 6-7pm; Sat 3-4pm

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

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

### Saint Raphael 457-6603 (\*Live streamed Masses)

**Saturday Vigil:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** \*9:30am (\*go to website Facebook link

**Daily Mass:** Thurs 9:30am; \*Wed 5:30pm w/ Rosary.

**Adoration:** Thu 7:00 - 8:00pm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

<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

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

**Daily Mass:** Mon, Tue, Thu; Fri 8:45am; Wed. 6:00pm

**Adoration:** Wed 6pm Mass, Adoration w/Rosary.

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

### Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

**Sunday:** 9:00am

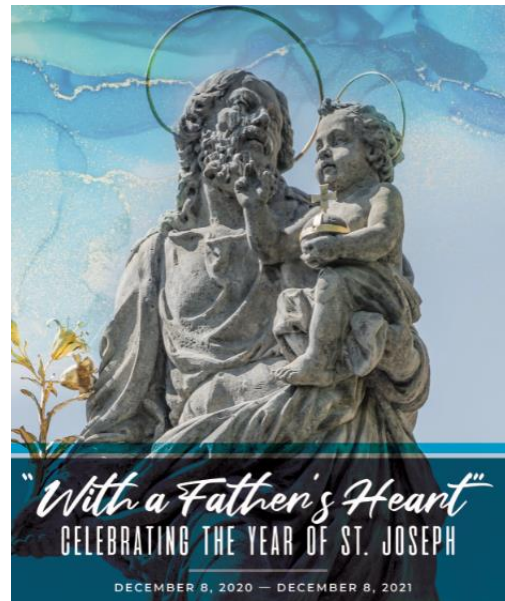
**Adoration:** Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Our Lady of Snows, Eielson Air Force Base

**Sunday:** 10:30am

**Daily Mass:** Tuesday-Friday - 11:30am

Pray for.....Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski, priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks; the generosity of all who contribute to St. Mark's with their talent, time, and financially; Catholics as we come to our final days of Lent preparing for Easter; individuals coming into the church at Easter (RCIA) and preparing for confirmation after Easter. Always keep in your prayers our dearly departed.



### **Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 21, 2021**

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org)



"I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings."

### **Sheepish Question:**

How do I respond to God's loving promise of salvation?