



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's University Parish provides a **welcoming faith community** for students, families, and individuals that share a geographic, intellectual, or historic connection to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). We exist to **encourage, inform, and support** the **faith journey of all who have come to UAF** with a background in the Catholic tradition. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

**July 9, 2023**

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

**VESPERS:** 4:45 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

**MASS:** 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3 to 4 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral or by Appointment

**WEDNESDAY 11:00AM EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR** at SHC followed by 12 Noon Mass. Join our priests as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks

**ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC on Thursday 8 -11 AM .

### CLERGY

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph:907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Opyrch: [poprych@cbna.org](mailto:poprych@cbna.org)

Deacon Warren Lucero

### Administration

**Parish Admin:** Mary Pat Boger: Ph.907-374-9564

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Office hours: 10am – 12noon

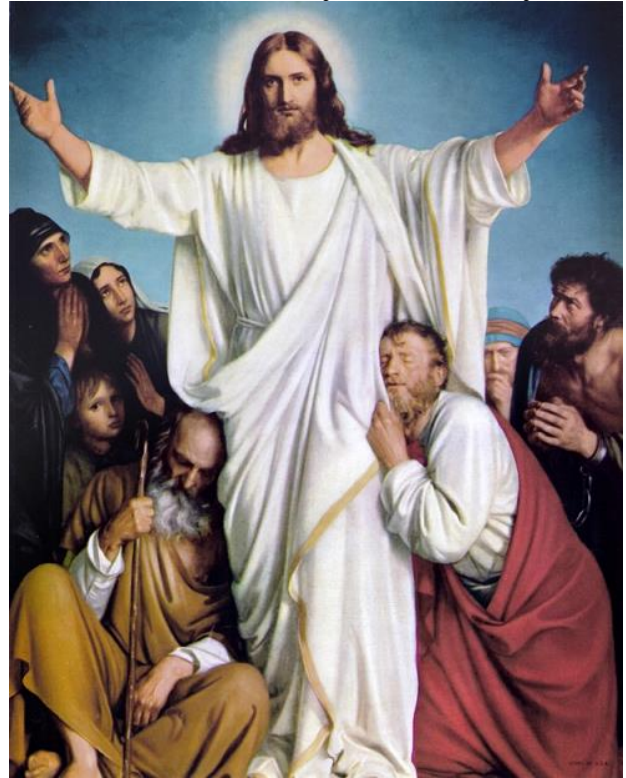
**Bookkeeping:** Marilis Bennett: Ph. 907-590-9291 (*Marilis is out during July. Contact Mary Pat or Fr. Ross if you have any questions.*)

**Music:** George Stefan: Ph. 907-687-0077

**CSA Advisor:** Devan Larson: [UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu)

**St. Mark Parish News:** Next meeting TBA

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### First Reading: **Zechariah 9:9-10**

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

### Responsorial Psalm **145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14**

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

### Second Reading: **Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

### Gospel Reading: **Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Welcome to St. Mark University Parish!

Please visit our parish website at

[www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org) for more information.

### Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

**Acta Apostolicae Sedis** – The works of the Apostolic See (Ecclesiastical term – Official periodical publication from the Vatican)

[Latin-phrases.dechile.net/?Ecclesiastical](http://Latin-phrases.dechile.net/?Ecclesiastical)



LATIN 6pm MASS SCHEDULE at SHC

July 8

August 5 & 26

September 9 & 30

October 7 & 21

*\*Dates subject to change if necessary for travel.*

### COMING EVENTS:

**July 12:** World Eskimo-Indian Olympics

**July 15:** Golden Days Parade

**July 16-30:** Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

**July 28-Aug 6:** Tanana Valley Fair

**Aug 5-13:** Alaska International Senior Games

**Aug 15:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Aug 16:** First day of Instruction of Catholic Schools.

**Aug 25-27:** Summer Youth Festival at Camp Bingle

**Aug 28:** First Day of Instruction for UAF



**Altar Serving Training** – Open to anyone, male or female, who has made his or her First Communion – both children and adults. Next training TBA. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032 or St. Mark's office at 907-374-9564.

**PARISH MEETINGS** – TBA. Summary of meetings can be found at <https://www.stmarksuaf.org> under "Parish News" tab.

**Baptism Instruction:** Three-session class at SHC: 6:30pm on **July 11<sup>th</sup>**. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032 if interested.

**Marriage Preparations** – Please contact Fr. Ross **six (6) months prior to wedding**. Contact [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk.

**Marriage Class:** Next classes TBA. Open to all engaged couples.

**Voces Verbi Young Adult Group** meets at 6pm on Fridays starting up in September.

**Voice of Hope Prayer Group** – Meets on Tuesday evenings downstairs at SHC 6-8:30PM. Meeting begins with light potluck, followed by contemplative prayer meeting.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC** – In the church daily between 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

**SHC Book Club** –Summer novel: *The Quiet Light: A Novel about St. Thomas Aquinas* by Louis de Wohl c. 1950. Meetings will begin in September. Contact: Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com).

**ICC Our Lady of Fatima:** For more information, contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

**Knights of Columbus** –**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month 6:30 – 8:00 PM downstairs @ SHC.

**Legion of Mary, Mary Queen of Peace** – Meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM @ ICC.

**Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph** – Contact Patty Walter at [pattywalter@hotmail.com](mailto:pattywalter@hotmail.com) for more information. Meetings are currently quarterly. They have been active since 1987.

**ICC 7:15 pm Women's Group** every other Wednesday & 6:45 pm **Men's Group** every other Thursday *starts again in September*.

**Little Flower Ministries – Radio KQHE 92.7 FM.** For more information contact: Robin Barrett at 479-5283 or Cherie Kelly at 378-7047. KQHE Studio - 451-4868. Check out their scheduled programming at <https://kqhe.org/schedule>

**Sacraments of Vocations**– contact Fr. Robert Fath at [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504

**Funerals** – Contact Parish Office at SHC – 907-474-9032.

Watch the bulletin in August/September for updates on dates and registration for the 2023-24 Religious Classes.

# SUMMER YOUTH FEST

Ages 11-17  
August 25th-27th  
Overnight at Camp Bingle  
(on Harding Lake)  
\$25 per child  
Ages 11-17

Look for registration packet in vestibule!  
Contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) or 907-987-9598 with any questions.



**Justice Challenge:** July 14<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the patron of the environment and ecology. She was from an Algonquin tribe that had been hit with a smallpox epidemic which took the lives of her family. As a teenager, she was introduced to Scripture by missionaries, and she was baptized. She led a very prayerful life devoted to the Eucharist and to serving others. Some in her tribe ridiculed her and she endured great suffering for her faith. Yet she never wavered in her beliefs. Your justice challenge this week is to take a step out in faith like Kateri, talk with a friend or someone in your family about your faith. Share what is important to you about it and then encourage those you talk with to do the same. You may be laughed at or ridiculed, or even surprised by a warm reception. Whatever the response, thank God in prayer for the opportunities you have to bring the good news to others and continue to be a living witness of your faith.

## Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** The prophet Zechariah predicts the messianic age when the savior-king will come to the people in meekness to establish peace. In the gospel Jesus speaks in the present time—to the faithful of his day and to us now who are faithful—of the peace (rest) given now to those who yoke themselves to him.



...**to experience:** Often what motivates our behavior in the present is our vision of the future. For example, someone takes an entry-level job and works hard with an eye to promotion and more significant responsibility. When we followers of Christ keep our eyes on the future messianic rest, we choose to remain faithful to Jesus and find his yoke light and easy. <https://Liturgy.slu.edu>



Looking for ladies/men to help with church cleaning at SHC once a month. Contact Mary Pat at 907-374-9564 or email me at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org). I am trying to gather a group for less than 2 hours – day to be determined. Afterwards we could visit over coffee or juice and catch up for 30 minutes.





## The courageous faith of the first Native American saint.

Have you heard the conversion story of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, whose feast day is July 14<sup>th</sup>?

America is still a young country, and although we don't have the long history of saints that the Eastern and European countries do, American saints are on the rise.



One of those saints is St. Kateri Tekakwitha, from the Native American Mohawk tribe in present-day New York State. She was given the name Tekakwitha at her birth in 1656. When she was four, a smallpox epidemic killed her parents and younger brother and left the orphaned Tekakwitha half-blind. She was raised by her uncle.

In the late 1660s, French Jesuits established missions near Auriesville, New York. When Tekakwitha was eleven years old, to her uncle's dismay she befriended the Jesuit missionaries Jacques Frémin, Jacques Bruyas, and Jean Pierron, who taught her about Christianity.

When Tekakwitha was seventeen, she refused an arranged marriage with another Mohawk. The following year, in the spring of 1674, she met Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, a Jesuit priest, and spoke to him about her interest in converting to Christianity. Fr. Jacques began to teach her about Catholicism.

On Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676, Fr. Jacques baptized Tekakwitha, and she was given the name Kateri, which was Catherine in her native language. After she converted to Christianity, Kateri was isolated by her tribe and persecuted in many ways. However, she held onto the truth that she had great dignity as a baptized daughter of God.

To seek refuge, Kateri ran away from home and walked 200 miles to a Christian Native American village at Sault-St-Louis, near Montreal, Canada. Here, Kateri gave herself to God, spending many hours in prayer. When she was twenty-three, she became a consecrated virgin. During Holy Week in 1680, her health was declining, so the priests at her village performed Last Rites. She died on April 17, 1680, the day before Holy Thursday. Upon her death, her face—which had been scarred by smallpox—was transfigured, clear, and beautifully radiant.

St. Kateri is the patron saint of Native Americans, people in exile, orphans, ecologists, and environmentalists. [www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/](http://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/)

There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. May the joyous season of summer reflect God's loving care for our children.

## A BALLAD OF FLESH AND SPIRIT



“My yoke is easy and my burden is light,” says the man hanging from a cross. And if we only went on what we see with our eyes — flesh driven through by nails and sword, swollen from beating and inches from expiration — it would seem like a joke.

I'll tell you something we all know: this life on earth is hard. It's either too long or it's too short. It's frequently painful. It's riddled with problems that seem to make no sense. It is, as Dickens wrote, “made of ever so many partings welded together.”

But it's also shockingly, senselessly beautiful. It is full of physical experiences of love, joy, and peace that are so powerful they leave you breathless.

It is both these things — good and bad, hard and wonderful, just as we are both body and soul, spirit and flesh.

No one knows the Father except the Son, who entered into our bodily existence to free us from enslavement to it. No one knows the Son except the Father, and the means by which they know one another — the love passing between them, the Third Person himself — has been shared with us, has made its dwelling within us through baptism.

*“Brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” — Romans 8:12*  
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### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**“...For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”**  
**MATTHEW 11:30**

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

### Question of the Week:

**Adults:** When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?

**Children:** What burden do you need Jesus to help carry you?  
<https://pastoral.center/>

LISTEN AND ATTEND WITH  
THE EAR OF YOUR HEART.  
~ St. Benedict

Like a welcome summer rain,  
humor may suddenly cleanse and  
cool the earth, the air and you.  
~ Langston Hughes

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Collection for July 2** - \$ 1,714.00

**Total for Fiscal Year:** 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 1,714.00

*Thank you for your continued prayers and support!*

**Total for Fiscal Year:** 7/1/22 - 6/30/23: \$ 61,390.73

For giving online, visit our website: [www.stmarksuaaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaaf.org)

#### Prayer of the Faithful:

That, in gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of His gifts to help build His kingdom of earth.

#### Pope Francis' July Prayer Intentions:

##### For the Eucharistic Life:

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**Pray For:** Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi & Fr. Piotr Oprych; Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons, Religious, and Laity working to support Catholic churches and education in our Diocese. Pray for all parishioners of St. Mark Parish.

**Special Prayers For:** those in the parish who are suffering from illness or injury, those serving in the armed forces, and all who are asking to be remembered in our prayers. **Remember** the souls of the deceased who have gone before us.

#### Pray for Vocations:

"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

#### Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

~ Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT** Our diocese is committed to creating a safe environment for everyone. If you are aware of abuse, you are encouraged to report the abuse to local law enforcement agencies and to contact our Victim Assistance coordinator, Jenny Michaelson by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing [vac@cbna.org](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

## DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **NOW HIRING!**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral** is hiring a **part time Outreach Coordinator**. Responsibilities include:

- Stephen Ministry – train and supervise lay volunteers to function as Stephen Ministers for home visits and services at the Denali Center, the Pioneer Home, and the Correctional Center.
- Outreach – train and support volunteers to help with the Loving Families program in conjunction with Love Inc. and food box distribution through the Food Bank.
- Safe Environment – ensures all volunteers are vetted and trained to work with children and/or vulnerable adults.
- Emergency contact for citywide callout of priests to respond to people in danger of death or in special need of pastoral visits.

Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and 3 references along with any questions to Rev Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral, [rector@cbna.org](mailto:rector@cbna.org).

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Director of Schools – Catholic Schools of Fairbanks, Fundraising Development Officer, and Construction Project Manager**. For more information on these and other positions contact [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org). Listings are posted at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>.

**Catholic Schools of Fairbanks** is hiring teachers for the following positions: **Full-time Religion Teacher** (grades 7-12); **Chemistry; Math-Computer Science; English; and Substitute Teachers, and High School After School Attendant**. For more information, contact Patrick Riggs at [priggscsf@catholic-schools.org](mailto:priggscsf@catholic-schools.org) or call the school office at (907)-313-3062.

**St. Raphael Parish** has immediate opening for two positions: **Office Manager** and **Lay Pastoral Minister** For more information contact Fr. Jingbe at (907) 328-9424 or email [sjingbe@cbna.org](mailto:sjingbe@cbna.org) or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email [secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org](mailto:secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org)



"It is not the Eucharist who is changed into us, but rather we who are transformed by Him. From receiving Jesus, we are compelled to go forth wrapped in His love to bring His love, the Eucharist, to one another."  
~ Bishop John Noonan

