



## ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent Time - A

*Life Everlasting*

**Ezekiel 37:12-14** *Prophecy of Restoration*

**Romans 8:8-11** *The Flesh and the Spirit*

**John 11:1-45** *The Raising of Lazarus*

### Cancelled Events

*This schedule is subject to change and may be altered if necessary.*

- All Public Masses including Sunday through Saturday. (See the Virtual Mass Schedule below.)
- All Regularly Scheduled Activities
- All Prayer Groups
- All Religious Education except for an online course for Confirmation
- All Communal Penance Services
- All Stations of the Cross - Available Friday by livestream at 3:00 PM.
- All meals/social time associated with activities
- **This schedule is subject to change and may be altered if necessary.**

May God bless you, keep you safe, bolster your faith, and grant you abiding peace.

### Live streamed & Recorded Masses

Go to Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website. Click on the Facebook symbol at top of page. Click on Videos in the list to the left. Select the video you wish to view.

### VIRTUAL Mass Schedule

*Access through Facebook or Diocesan website. Live streamed Masses may be accessed when aired or later.*

8:00 AM Monday – Friday – Fr Robert or Fr. Tom

4:30 PM Saturday Vigil – Fr Ross

6:00 PM Latin – 28 March – Fr. Robert

11:00 AM Sunday – Fr. Tom

1:00 PM Sunday – Spanish Mass – Bishop Chad

5:30 PM Sunday – Fr. Robert

### Private Silent Prayer

**Sacred Heart Cathedral** will keep its doors open for silent prayer. Please maintain social distance of 6 feet from anyone else in the church.

**Sunday: 8am – 2pm.** No Mass.

**Mon - Fri: 8am – 7:30pm.** No Mass.

**Sat: 1pm – 4pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Confessions w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Considering the cancellation of Lenten Penance Services, *additional hours for confession* at SHC include:

Sunday: 10am – 12noon

Mon - Fri: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur each day during the hours of**

**scheduled Confession.** Confessions are also available on request. Call 474-9032 to see if a priest is available.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you  
Are present in the most  
Blessed Sacrament. I love  
You above all things and I  
Desire to receive You into my  
Soul. Since I cannot now receive You  
sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into  
My heart. I embrace You as if  
You have already come, and  
Unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be  
Separated from You. Amen.



## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions March

2020:

### Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Is Cleanliness  
Next to Godliness?



There is no protocol on how to pray – check out [www.lettinghislightshine.com](http://www.lettinghislightshine.com) to continue your practice of prayers while cleaning.

## Charitable Giving

If you are able, please continue to donate what you can while we experience disrupted schedules. Your support to Diocesan churches is important. Online giving is available on church websites and is secure. You can drop off envelopes at SHC or mail to St. Mark University Catholic Parish, PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166. *If practicing strict social distancing, the Chancery has a secure drop-box next to the front entrance doors. Parish donations can be deposited by envelope in the drop-box. The Chancery will make sure parishes receive these donations. Please clearly identify the donation purpose with the parish name.*

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

## Pope offers Prayer to Virgin Mary for our Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## SAINT CORONA

**What are the chances** that the Catholic Church would have a saint named Corona and that she happens to be the patron saint of pandemics? Even stranger, her mortal remains lie in the Basilica of Anzu, in northern Italy, near the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in Europe earlier this year. Some might rush to conclude that it's the end of the world as we know it. Instead, maybe we should rush to pray for greater understanding and deeper faith.

**According** to Christian legend, Corona lived in Syria during the second century of the current era. She was a Christian in Roman occupied land where Christianity was outlawed and punishable by death or torture. According to hagiographical writings—biographies of holy people—she was fifteen or sixteen in or around the year 170 when a Roman soldier named Victor was discovered to be a Christian. As she witnessed his public martyrdom, she stepped in to help him and, subsequently, professed her own faith in Jesus. She, likewise, was killed. In the first three centuries of Christianity, most, if not all, of our saints were martyrs—those who were witnesses for Christ to the point of death. Venerated by the early church, their earthly remains often got saved and taken to holy places, or their burial spots became sanctuaries. Somehow, the remains of Victor and Corona made their way to Christians living in modern Italy. Though it would be tough to verify exactly whose remains they are, the relics at Anzu were recently determined to, in fact, be those of a young man and woman who lived at that time of the Christian persecutions.

**“Corona” is the Latin word for crown and “Victor” refers to the reward or victory given to those who are faithful.**

They may have been their actual names or might have been names given to them by early Christians for their dying acts of courage. Corona's feast day is celebrated on May 14 in certain regions of the world, especially in Bavaria and Austria, where she was named patroness of epidemics or contagious infections. Though I don't know what this means in the greater mysteries of our faith, it gives us pause to reflect even more deeply in our places of isolation and social distancing. Perhaps it should also inspire us to pray more fervently. Maybe by May 14, our world will return to more normal operations and our prayers for healing will transform to prayers of gratitude and Saint Corona will be revered for her help in getting us through the horrible virus.

**This presumes, of course,** that we believe that earth and heaven are interconnected, that our physical realm is in touch with a more profound spiritual world that wants to assist us to get from here to there. I can't begin to grasp how such divine mysteries work; the human mysteries of my smart phone baffle me daily. Nevertheless, I trust that God and His saints are working for a greater good and that we can each share in the victorious crown that awaits those who make the world better and who are willing to sacrifice for that greater good.

***Saint Corona pray for us!***

*By Fr. Don Farnan – March 20, 2020*

## USCCB Response to Coronavirus

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19): With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity; that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us; he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.

## Liturgy Matters - 18

The procession of the gifts offers us one of the strongest opportunities for understanding the relation between the sacrifice of the Christian people and the sacrifice of Christ. It is true that bread and wine have their precise meaning in the context of the Passover and in the Lord's Last Supper and that bread and wine are involved here in obedience to his command to do this in memory of him. However, we can reflect as well on the fittingness of the Lord's choice and what the Spirit had prepared. Bread and wine are extremely strong symbols, powerful and rich in what they express. We are not animals that snatch food from the ground or from trees with our mouths, roaming about alone until our stomachs are full enough to get us through the next round. We produce our food together, we consume it together, and we share it with one another. It is an expression of love and desire. It aims at communion. Food is both a substance needed to stay alive and a symbol needed to stay human.



As these gifts are collected from outside the church and brought into the church, finally brought down the aisle to the hands of the bishop or priest, there is articulated in this ritual action, the relation between the order of the ordained priesthood and the order of the baptized. In seeing this we see articulated also the global relationship between Church and world, between Church and all creation, between Church and all history. Through the work of the baptized in the world, the Church brings to the hands of Christ the fruits of creation and the work of human hands. This is an exercise of the priesthood and the faithful. We bring our lives—with all our efforts to produce and to be together in love, with all our desire and our willingness to share—and we place them in the hands of Christ by placing them in the hands of the bishop or priest. Basically, the action is our saying to Christ, "Do something with this. Make our lives be what your life was and is."

***Prayer for a Pandemic (courtesy of St. Mary's Academy in Portland, Oregon)***

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

**Opportunity to Dream** Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**St. Mark University Catholic Parish Mission Statement:**

*Provide 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. We provide a convenient and hospitable space for students' sacramental life, prayer life, fellowship and growth in faith. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.*

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**Parish Administrator:** Mary Pat Boger

**Bookkeeper:** Marilis Bennett Ph. 590-9291

**Music Director:** George Stefan

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

**Reconciliation:** Sunday before Mass and upon appointment.

**Sacraments:** Please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Parish Office.

**Assistance in Faith Formation:** Call Parish Office

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

**New Members:** If you are new to our parish, please register and introduce yourself to Fr. Robert Fath and/or Mary Pat Boger.

**Catholic Student Association**

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

UAF classes are being delivered online for the remainder of the semester. Pray for our students and those from area schools (pre- to High School) as they finish out their semester via distance learning. We are currently updating St. Mark's website to keep all posted with any other changes happening. Check UAF and School District websites for updates. This disruption will be an adjustment for all and a good life learning experience.

SO... LAZARUS WAS COOPED UP IN A SMALL ROOM AND WAITING FOR JESUS. ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?



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JOHN 11:1-45

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