



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.

St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 pm at SHC.

Sunday Mass: 5:30 pm at SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive before mass and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten.

Confessions: Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC and ICC.

PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: poprych@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-9805

DEACON

Warren Lucero

Catholic Student Association

7:00pm Wednesday Mass – in UAF Upper Lola Tilly.

Religion Education for students – Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi if you have questions rtozzi@cbna.org or Ph: 907-347-3005.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC –

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours: 10am – 12noon

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

Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett - Ph. 907-590-9291

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

CSA Advisor: Devan Larson: UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu

Pastoral Council

Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi.

Finance Council Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

4/24-5/29: 6-7:30 pm Spring Marriage Prep at St. Raphael

4/27: FYNDout Free & Bright Leaf Spring Brunch Fundraiser

4/25: Feast of St. Mark (Our Parish Saint)

4/29: Last day of UAF Instruction

4/30-5/1: Priest Days in Fairbanks

4/30: 5:30 pm Healing Mass w/Bishop Steve at SHC.

4/30-5/4: UAF Final Examinations

5/1: Registration Deadline for Summer Oratory

5/4: UAF Commencement (Sat)

5/9: The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday)

5/11 & 25: 6 PM Latin Mass at SHC

5/19: Pentecost Sunday

6/5-14: Summer Oratory

Catholic Definition: Priest Moderator in solidum

In places where there are multiple priests (2 or more) and none are assigned as the proper pastor one priest is named *priest moderator in solidum*, which means that the priests collectively act as one when making decisions, but the moderator is the one who speaks for the priests as a whole when answering to the bishop.

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Cycle B

Good Shepherd Sunday



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial: Psalm 14:2, 4, 7-8, 9

A prayer seeking God's favor.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Music of the Mass

367 Shepherd of Souls

464 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

470 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

732 Another Song to Jesus

Heritage Mass parts 890-897.



Please keep Fr. Piotr Oprych, the Parish Offices of Sacred Heart Cathedral (907-474-9032) or St. Mark's (907-374-9564) informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Fr. Ross Tozzi will be away from the office this week.



Oratory/Religious Education: Every Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral Oratory from 1-2:45PM. Ages 5-17. Religious Ed Classes 3-4:15PM. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org

Confirmation/Youth Group: Rite of Confirmation Pentecost Sunday - May 19th –at 11 AM Sacred Heart Mass. For more information Contact servidoras@cbna.org.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group: 6 PM Adoration, Pizza, and formation at ICC for Young Adults 18-35 @ ICC.

Catholic Student Association – 7 PM Wednesday Mass at Upper Lola Tilly Commons on Campus – 1850 Tanana Loop. Contact UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

Traditional Latin Mass- 6 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
April 20 + May 11 & 25 + June 1 & 29

Sacred Heart Reading Club: 12:30 PM downstairs in Community Room - 1st Monday of the month – May 6th.
May book: Padre Pio and America by Fran M. Rega c.2008

Voice of Hope Prayer Group: 6PM Tues evenings at SHC.

Women's Group: 6:30 PM at the sister's convent every Tuesday (rosary/lecture/refreshment) for women over 18. (Series on the History of the Church.) Contact info: servidoras@cbna.org .

Men's Group: 7:30 PM at ICC every Thursday. Adoration - followed by meeting downstairs.

Voices in the Wilderness: 6:30 PM Fridays at ICC. Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

ICC Our Lady of Fatima: Contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

Knights of Columbus: 6:30 PM **2nd Thursday of the month** downstairs @ SHC. Become an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

SHC Book Club: 1st Monday of the month in SHC Social Room. For more info contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com

Legion of Mary: 6PM Tuesday Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC.

Franciscan Community: 6:30 PM on **1st Thursday of the month** at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle stclare4@gmail.com

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross *six (6) months prior to wedding*. Contact rtozzi@cbna.org to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk with priest.

Funerals: Contact Parish Office at SHC – 907-474-9032



If you are signed up for **Flocknote** but have not been receiving texts or emails from St. Mark's, Email Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org to verify or update you contact information.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Diocese of Fairbanks Healing Mass
April 30th ~ Sacred Heart Cathedral ~ 5:30 PM

Healing is a gift from God. We all can use healing in some way, whether from ailments, pain, grief, loss, addiction, injury, mental health, spiritual growth, or just as a support for a loved one going through struggles. **The Diocese of Fairbanks invites everyone to join together and pray with Bishop Steve Maekawa, OP** for our healing as individuals, parishes, communities, and as the flock of the diocese as a whole. This special mass will include the anointing of the sick and will be a spiritual journey to hopefully bring us all closer through the healing grace of God.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREP

When: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 @ 6-7:30pm.

Where: St. Raphael Parish

Why: Those engaged, thinking about marriage. Learn how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship. Contact Elizabeth to register at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or call 907-457-6603.



Connecting the Gospel...

...to the First Reading: Because "the Father has bestowed on us" great love, we are able, like Jesus, to lay down our lives for others.

...to experience: As human beings we have a hard time being faithful about loving. The whole Easter mystery reveals to us how utterly faithful God is in loving us. We can be faithful in our own loving because God is faithful in loving us. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Called to Be Shepherds

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Adults: Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

Kids: Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

Train to be an **Extraordinary Minister or Lector** at mass. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation makes you eligible. **Altar Servers** need the Sacrament of Communion to be eligible.

Join the Choir and help enrich the liturgy. Contact George Stefan or Eddy Yew after Mass. Our senior graduates and leaves us for college in the Fall. We'll miss her vocals but wish her well!

Sign up this weekend at St. Mark's 5:30 PM Mass or email Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org so we can set up training dates.

...What we love & who we Love shapes who we become...
St Clare of Assisi



What happened to the True Cross?

How did the Church find the relics from Jesus' crucifixion?

Have you ever wondered what happened to Jesus' cross? Known as "the True Cross," for hundreds of years this highly venerated relic was thought to be lost.

Anti-Christian Romans sought to dispel any effort to spread the Good News; that included destroying objects from Jesus' crucifixion. According to tradition, the True Cross was buried in the ground with the crosses of the two thieves who were crucified with Jesus.

Almost 300 years later, after the Roman Emperor Constantine's conversion to Christianity, he sent his mother, St. Helena, to the Holy Land in search of the True Cross. According to legend, St. Helena followed in Jesus' footsteps by performing corporal works of mercy—such as feeding the hungry and visiting the sick—on her way to Jerusalem. Once in the Holy Land, some legends say a commoner led her to the True Cross, while others believe that St. Judas Cyriacus helped her find it.

St. Helena found all three crosses buried in the ground but wasn't sure which one belonged to Jesus. There are many different legends about how St. Helena and the bishop of Jerusalem confirmed which one was the True Cross. One myth claims the bishop of Jerusalem had an ill woman touch all three crosses. As soon as the woman touched the True Cross, she was healed.

Upon discovering the True Cross, St. Helena ordered a church to be constructed on the site where she found it. This church is known as the Church of the Resurrection, or the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. St. Helena brought a piece of the True Cross back to the empire's capital city, Constantinople, and left another part at the Church of the Resurrection, where Christians made a yearly pilgrimage to see the relic.

Throughout the next thousand years, the piece of the True Cross at the Church of the Resurrection changed hands many times. It was captured in 614 by the Sassanid emperor, and then restored to Jerusalem by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius. Later, when the Islamic rulers took Jerusalem at the beginning of the 11th century, Greek Orthodox Christians protected and hid the relic of the True Cross, a small piece of wood embedded in a gold cross.

This relic was restored to the Church of the Resurrection when Europeans in the First Crusade captured Jerusalem. Finally, in 1187, it was captured by Saladin, the leader of the Muslim military campaign against the Crusader states in Levant. This piece of the True Cross has never returned and was last seen in the city of Damascus.

The piece of the True Cross that was preserved in Constantinople was shared among the Venetians and the new Eastern Roman Empire. However, threatened with bankruptcy, this new empire decided to sell the relics. St. Louis, King of France, bought several pieces of the True Cross and preserved them in Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. Most of these relics disappeared during the French Revolution. All that remain are a few fragments and a Holy Nail; these are preserved with the other relics in the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris.
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

The deeds you do
may be the only sermon some persons hear today.
~ St. Francis of Assisi

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf



I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – April 18, 2024©Lpi

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REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. They are always looking for donations of talent, time, and gifts. Contact the Soup Kitchen for more information on how you can contribute to their success call the ICC office at (907) 452-3533 or check <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

*"To have a right to do a thing
is not at all the same as to be right in doing it."*

G.K. Chesterton - [A Short History of England 1917](#)



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 14, 2024: \$ 915.00 Actual
Collection YTD: \$60,228.88
(7/1/23-6/30/24)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support! Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.

Special Collections: 3% of our collection this month will go toward the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This supports mission work throughout our diocese and the USA.

Thank you for supporting our mission and the Diocesan Special Collections that make a difference in the lives of others!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." -John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we take time in daily silent prayer to talk and listen for Jesus' voice.



Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions:

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Please Pray for (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons.

- + Peace in the Middle East: may government leaders act with compassion, work towards the end of violence.
- + The protection of individuals in conflict areas.
- + An increase in vocations to the priesthood.
- + Those preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- + The St. Mark Community.
- + UAF students as they finish this last week of their school year. May they be
- + All who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
- + The faithful departed and those they leave behind.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: *"There is no salvation through anyone else."* Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 and talk to Fr. Robert Fath, the Vocations Director at or email: rfath@cbna.org

ADORATION TIMES ~ Fairbanks & North Pole

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wed: 11 AM to 12 PM ~ Thurs: 8 AM - 12 PM ~ Sat: 3 PM - 4 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues: 6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM ~ Wed: 6 - 7 PM ~ Sat: 3 - 3:50 PM

St. Raphael Catholic Church

Tues. & Thurs 8:30 - 9:30 AM ~ Wed. 4:30 AM - 5:30 PM

2nd Thurs 4 - 8 PM ~ Fri. 7 AM - 6 PM

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:00 AM

God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd *'calls His sheep by name.'*
~ St. Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)



Summer Oratory Summer Catholic Camp

Dates: June 5-14, 2024 (not including weekends).

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: Sacred Heart Cathedral

Who: For youth from ages 6 to 17 years.

Fee: \$20/child or \$50/family

Registrations Due: May 5, 2024

Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

To register online go to

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/summer-oratory>

New Priest Assignments

Bishop Steven J. Maekawa, O.P. has announced new assignments for **Fr. Patrick Bergquist** (6/15) and **Fr. Cezary Ejsymont** (5/17). Read more on the Diocesan website at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org>.

Be Part of the Flock!



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Diocesan Employment Opportunities

1. **Part-time Donations Clerk**, 20 hrs./wk. This job entails all aspects of processing donations received by the Diocese.

2. **Full-time Maintenance Technician**, 40 hours/week with benefits. This position is part of a maintenance team, providing support for diocesan buildings and grounds in Fairbanks.

3. **Part-Time Summer Groundskeeper** – responsible for ground-keeping tasks on the Peger Road campus and other properties managed by the Chancery. Visit dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings for more information or E-mail humanresources@cbna.org.

Sacred Heart Part-time Outreach Coordinator

Responsibilities include Stephen Ministry Outreach, Safe Environment, and 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 three references to Rev. Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral. rector@cbna.org

Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.

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, Jocelyn Niedziela by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information access the Diocese safe environment link through

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

