



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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The Baptism of the Lord

Our Parish 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. 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.*

Regular Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

Margaret Murie Building Auditorium

Reconciliation: Before Mass and by appointment.

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

Ph. 907-374-9504 Email: vg@cbna.org

Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

St. Mark: Ph.: 907-374-9564 CSA: 907-987-9427

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

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January 2020:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Please Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad; Fr. Fath; priests, religious, deacons, seminarians in the Diocese of Fairbanks and Alaska; Robin Eagan; Ben Orr; Gail Reidman; Shane O'Rourke family; Dot & Don Bray; Tweet Burik; George Stefan; Sandy DeNoble; Mission Churches in Alaska; for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack ; and all Catholics to find the time to strengthen their faith through reading and studying the bible.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Following Jesus

Isaiah 8:23b- 9:3 The Prince of Peace

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Factions

Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus in Capernaum

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Leadership & Involvement Office gives you an opportunity to volunteer this semester! Saturdays of Service (Jan 25th Green Star; Feb 8th Boys & Girls Club; Apr 18th SpringFest) from 1-3pm. Check the Engage page for more information. Transportation provided.

Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020

Look for Fr. Robert Fath to be on campus to meet with students at Wood Center. He will make himself available to answer questions or meet with students. Join him for free non-alcoholic drinks. Help make a list of events that we can participate in as a group. You can contact him at vg@cbna.org or Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@gmail.com.

Available: Foldable sunglasses are available to students for the Spring sunshine with logos to start conversations: "LOGOS" and "beauty, goodness, truth." Available now after Sunday Mass and when meeting Fr. Robert Fath on campus.



Singers needed to comprise the schola to lead the chant for the Rite of Election to be held Mar. 1.

Practices will be held Feb 1, 8, 15 Saturday evenings at Sacred Heart from 6-7pm. For more information, contact Fr. Robert Fath at vg@cbna.org or 374-9504.

St. Mark University Catholic Parish

Sunday (1/26) we celebrate Jan. Birthdays!

Please bring something to share that is easy to clean up to share with others! St. Mark will provide the juice, glasses, dishes and plasticware. We gather once a month and have a time to visit with friends after Mass! See you there!





Food Collection

Parishioners: As a community we will be collecting non-perishable items to donate to the University Food Pantry for students (used mainly for families in Hess Village and students off campus not under the UAF meal plan). Look for the box at the entrance of the auditorium where you can place your donation. Mary Pat Boger will drop off donations every Monday. Thank you for helping!

STEWARDSHIP

January 2020 to-date - \$ 1,607.37

January 19 Collection: \$ 469.00

Thank you for your generosity & continued support **Tax information for donations will be in the mail by Feb. 1st. Illness has set us back and we ask for your patience. The stewardship report will be reconciled to bring it up to date when our bookkeeper returns.



Anyone looking for volunteering, contact Immaculate

Conception Church. The Soup Kitchen needs volunteers. Contact: Grayce Barnard, Soup Kitchen iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org. **Note:** All volunteers must go through the diocesan background check and safe environment training. This can be easily accomplished online at your convenience. Visit the diocesan website: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/> Select SafeEnvironment from the menu. Select Training from the drop-down box. Then fill in the required information and continue through the training. We will be notified when your training has been completed. Thank you to everyone for volunteering, and for helping to keep our children safe.

From the Chancery

Diocesan Position Opening: The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking an Executive/Tribunal Assistant responsible for supporting the Office of the Bishop and the Tribunal by providing administrative support to both the Vicar General and Chancellor. Primary duties are scheduling appointments, data entry, filing, correspondence, processing of personnel information, customer service and following up on requests regarding Diocesan policies, procedures and programs. The Executive /Tribunal Assistant performs all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. This is a full-time position with benefits and will remain open until filled. For more information, please contact Leigh Scarboro via email at bishopsoffice@cbna.org.

Rite of Election will be held at 4pm on Sunday, 1 March 2020 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Pope Francis establishes the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as the WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis invites Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his word. As established by papal decree —the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan 26th this year - is to be observed as a special day devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God”. Please read more on this at the Vatican News website <https://www.vaticannews.va>

Office of Faith and Family Formation

Tips for Traditions - Following the liturgical calendar creates a fun way to gain a better understanding of the seasons of the Church and the holidays (holy days) we commonly celebrate. Make an effort to wear an item of clothing with the same color corresponding to the liturgical season. Generally during Ordinary time, the priest will wear green, so wear green, during Christmas and Easter seasons wear white, etc. *If you have any family traditions you'd be willing to share, please send your suggestions to the Office of Faith and Family Formation at family@cbna.org.*



Fides Formation Now Available and

Free! - Religious education for catechists, catholic and home schoolteachers, young adults, and other laity seeking to increase knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith at your own pace. Go to Fide Formation at: <http://campus.fidesformation.com/> For more information, contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation: family@cbna.org or 374-9511.



Feast and Faith

When: Feb. 11th and Mar. 10th

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

Where: Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine (1235 Airport Way- next to Planet Fitness). Feast and Faith is a monthly gathering of young adults (18-35'ish) coming together for **free** food and discussions about the faith. Come meet other young adults who have a desire to create lasting relationships and support each other in the faith. For more information contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation at 374-9511 or email family@cbna.org

PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
JANUARY 21 - 29, 2020

4 WAYS



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**Commentary for the Readings in the
Extraordinary Form:
Third Sunday after
Epiphany**

"Only say the word, and my
servant will be healed" (Gospel).



By a twofold display of His mercy Jesus first confirmed His Divinity before the Jewish priests when He cleansed the despised leper (picture in background), then before the Gentiles by curing the centurion's paralyzed servant. We, too, publicly profess faith in His Divinity by our mercy in taking "the words of grace" to leprous, paralyzed sinners (Communion Verse).

What kind of mercy? St. Paul outlines certain practices in the Epistle: refrain from rendering "evil for evil;" "provide good things" to "all men;" peace to our enemy, leaving "vengeance" to God Who know how to "repay."—Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Marriage Preparation Classes for the Fairbanks and North Pole area will be offered at SHC this coming February and March on Saturday mornings at the cathedral from 9:00-10:30 AM. Dates are February 1, 8, 15, 29 and March 7 and 14. **Catholic Engaged Encounter** will host a retreat weekend at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole on the weekend of Feb. 21-23. If you are planning a summer or fall wedding, please let your pastor know of your plans. For additional information, please contact Fr. Ross at (907) 474-9032 or by email: rector@cbna.org.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month downstairs in the community room. Please consider joining us at our next gathering. February 4 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Contact Jan at 43janetf@gmail.com for information. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. *February - Common Sense 101: Lessons from G.K. Chesterton* by Dale Ahlquist.

PRE DIGITAL BULLETIN HUMOR:

Bulletin, noun;

1. something to read during the sermon;
2. a fan used in churches without air conditioning;
3. your receipt for attending church.

Catholic Masses in Fairbanks Area

Saint Mark University Parish

Sunday: 5:30pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Spanish Mass: 1:00pm on Sunday

Daily Masses: Monday—Friday 7:30am

Saint Raphael

Sunday: 9:30am; Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Weekday:

T, Th. 9:30am & Wed. 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Confessions - Saturday 3-3:45pm, 5:30pm

Latin Mass (twice a month)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

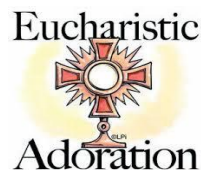
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Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:00am,

Wed 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB - Sun: 10:30am



Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Thu. 8:00am -12:30 pm Saturdays 2:30 -4:00pm

Immaculate Conception

Wed 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Adoration
with Confessions

First Friday Devotions

5:30pm Mass

6:00pm -6:00 AM Adorations

6:00am Patriotic Rosary

7:00am Benediction & Mass

St. Raphael

2nd Thursday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Good Shepherd: Thu. 6:00pm -7:00pm (Most weeks)

St. Nicholas: Wednesday 7:00 -8:00pm

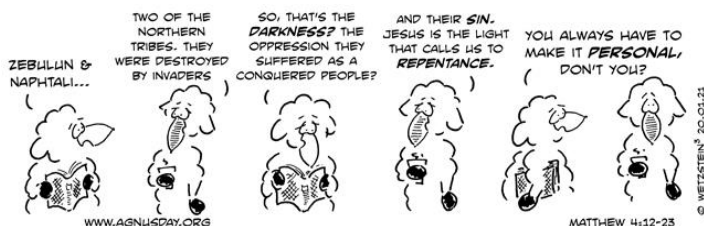
What Happens at Mass

After the Gloria is what we now call the opening prayer. In the past, this prayer was referred to as the "collect". The priest solemnly invites the people, "Let us pray". Of course, we have been praying from the start, so this invitation means to signal a shift of levels, prayer with a different kind of attention. After a short pause for silence, the priest stretches his hands and says a prayer whose purpose is to "collect" into a few short lines, all the strands of what has taken place so far, as well as all the strands of our many individual thoughts. Therefore, this collect effectively places us all together into one succinctly expressed address to God the Father. The prayer is addressed to Him and is always structured according to the same pattern, according to a very ancient usage. It helps to be attentive and listen for this pattern. God is first addressed, using one or more of His many titles. Next, we remember before God what God has done, not because He has forgotten, but because remembering is from biblical times a fundamental form of prayer. Next, on the basis of what is remembered, we ask for something in the present, for ourselves and for the whole church and world. When we remember what God has done in the past, we have the courage and reason to hope for what we ask for in the present. In the final move of this pattern of prayer, all that we ask the Father is asked "through your Son our



Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever". In the pattern of the opening prayer, we have the shape or pattern of prayer that will mark all the praying of the Mass. All the prayers are addressed to God the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. This is the shape of our prayer; this is the pattern of our movement within the divine life of the Trinity. To this prayer all the people say, "Amen".

Appreciation for the work of Fr. Troy Schneider, Holy Family Cathedral, Diocese of Orange CA with excerpts taken from What Happens at Mass by Fr. Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.



Jan 26, 2020 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."
(Matthew 4:22)*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Day 5: Everything has become new (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Paul encountered Christ, the risen Lord, and became a renewed person—just as everyone does who believes in Christ. This new creation is not visible to the naked eye. Instead it is a reality of faith. God lives in us by the power of the Holy Spirit and lets us share in the life of the Trinity. *Vatican Resources*



St. Mark: Celebrating Families

This summer we will be celebrating families at our Regional Summer Mass & Picnic. Mary Pat Boger will start collecting wedding anniversary dates so we may recognize these special vows.

Anniversaries are a special time which represent a life-long covenant of companionship between a man and a woman, created in the image of God; not perfection as a couple but faithfulness to a promise made with each other and God. Powerful Grace is found in every marriage provided by God! Marriage creates a context where both spouses have the privilege and responsibility to forgive each other *often*. We sin. We offend. We fail. We commit to each other as we commit to Christ when we take our vows. Whether it is your 5th or 50th anniversary – whatever the year it is for you – this is an important celebration. We would like to celebrate together the effort it takes to live life together as lifelong companions committed to the love and glory of God. Forms will be ready next week to begin gathering wedding anniversary dates. *Thank you for taking time to fill out and return forms.*