



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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February 2, 2020

Feast of the Presentation 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

UAF Margaret Murie Building Auditorium (Upper Campus)

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

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

Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

St. Mark: Ph.: 907-374-9564

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

Reconciliation: Sunday before Mass and upon appointment.

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic: Please contact Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger.

Assistance in Faith Formation: See Mary Pat Boger

Parish Council: Meets 2nd 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.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions February 2020: Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



Special Prayer Intentions: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad; Fr. Fath; priests, religious, deacons, seminarians in the Diocese of

Fairbanks and Alaska; for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack; Robin Eagan; Ben Orr; Gail Reidman; Tweet Burik; Mission Churches in Alaska; and for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

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Light for All the World

Malachi 3:1-4 Messenger of the Covenant

Hebrews 2:14-18 Becoming Like Us to Save Us

Luke 2:22-40 The Presentation in the Temple

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Monday, January 13th, **Spring Semester** students will be back on campus and in dorms.



Feast and Faith – Young Adult gathering will be held **Feb. 11th**, and **March 10th** at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant on Airport Way; 6-8:30pm. Join us for free food and discussions about the faith. Create new friendships with others while supporting your faith.

Empty Bowls Throw A Thon – 12-6pm Feb 2nd.

It's an annual event to practice your bowl-making for a good cause hosted by the UAF Student Ceramics Art Guild. Bring a dish to share! A national project with the purpose of raising money to feed the hungry, increase awareness, and enhance art education.

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Sat, Feb 8, 11am-2pm Boys & Girls Club

Volunteering. Join SLI for the February Saturday of Service. Rides provided from Wood Center Multi-Level Lounge. Check SLI Engage page for more info.

Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020

St. Mark University Catholic Parish

Fr. Fath & Dominic will bless throats after mass this Sunday using candles around the throat with a blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen." — *Excerpted from Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*



What does it mean to be a light that shows others, whether Christian or not, God's love?

Candlemas is another name for the feast of the Presentation of our Lord.

The Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.” *Fr. Robert Fath will be blessing candles before Mass this Sunday – we will have small ones available for households; you can also bring some from home to be blessed.*



Please pray for **Bishop Chad Zielinski and Bishops of Region 12** as they meet in Rome for their *ad lumina* visit in February to report on the state of their dioceses. (Please read insert on *ad lumina*.)



Food Collection Drop your non-perishable **donations** for the UAF Food Pantry. Donations are dropped off every Monday. Thank You!

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries will be part of our Regional Summer Mass and Picnic. Mary Pat Boger will collect wedding anniversary information of our parishioners to recognize these special times. *“We should take time to celebrate and give praise to the Lord Jesus, the Bridegroom of the Church....Christ’s Bride, the Church, rejoices in the memory of the Sacramental moment of consent of each couple married in her protective bosom. She also rejoices in the mission of Holy Matrimony: the founding of the domestic church – the family. Moreover, she rejoices that in every marriage Christ grants spouses the grace to grow in holiness in their home, thereby preparing their children to carry forward and pass on to the next generation the blessing of family life united and made fruitful in Christ.”* Excerpt from article by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted.



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. 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.

Office of Faith and Family Formation

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

Singers needed to comprise the *schola* to lead the chant for the Rite of Election to be held Mar 1. Practices will be held Saturday evenings at the Sacred Heart from 6:00 to 7:00pm, Feb 1, 8, 15, and 29.

Have a family tradition 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 call 3749511.

Feast and Faith

When: February 11th

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

Where: Miguel’s Authentic Mexican Cuisine (1235 Airport Way) 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 info contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation at 374-9511 or email family@cbna.org

February 2, 2020 - The Presentation of the Lord

“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...” (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

Of Interest at other Parishes

St. Raphael

Feb 6 (Thu) - ADORATION 3-8 pm

Feb 9 & 23 (Sun) - James bible study

Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses: 9:30am & 5:30 pm

Feb 28 - (Fri) - 6:00 pm Station

Soup & Bread after mass.

Feb 29 - (Sat) KOC FISH FRY after mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Feb 4 (Tue) - SHC Book Club 12n-2pm in the Community Room.

- Voices of Hope: 6:15pm downstairs.

Feb 4, 11, & 18 Tue) - Series of 3 Baptism Classes - 7:00pm at the Cathedral

Feb 8, 15 (Sat) - *Schola* Music Practice for Rite of Election, 6 - 7pm in the sanctuary SHC

Feb 8, 15, 29 and March 7 & 14 (Sat) - Marriage Preparation Classes (9:00am - 10:30am) downstairs in the Community Room at SHC

Feb 13 (Thu) - Knights Meeting: 6:30-9pm downstairs.

Feb 17 (Mon) - Staff Holiday: Parish office closed.

Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass: 7:30am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church – North Pole

Feb. 21-23 -Catholic Engaged Encounter retreat weekend. 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.

Immaculate Conception Church

Feb 7th (Fri) - 7:00pm - Fr. Dismas will give a talk in Murphy Hall at ICC. All are welcome.

Feb 8th (Sat) - 5:30pm - Fr. Dismas will celebrate the Dominican Rite Latin Mass at ICC. Potluck to follow

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

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

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

Wed 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB

Sunday: 10:30am.

Catholic Adoration in Fairbanks Area

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

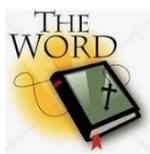
2nd Thursday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

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

What Happens at Mass 10

Now begins the first major part of the liturgy: The Liturgy of the Word. So, the "Word of God" in the Liturgy of the Word does not mean the words of the Bible considered merely as words like our words, it is far more. The Word of God is an event: the event of creation and the event of what God is doing and saying in Israel and finally the event of what God is doing and saying in Jesus. The words of the Bible narrate the event. They are precious means to us, for they are given by the Holy Spirit. As such, they carry far more than mere human words can carry. They carry the very events of which they speak, and in their formulation is revealed the mystery of the event. In the proclamation of these words, the event proclaimed becomes present.



No matter what particular readings occur in a given liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word always has about it an event character; that is, the events of the past that are proclaimed become event for the believing community that hears them told. And all the events of the scripture find their center in the one event that is the center of them all: the death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is this about which all the scriptures speak. This is not talk delivering ideas and concepts. It is, as I say, an event: the same event in which God once acted to save His people delivered now to this assembly by means of the scriptures, the gift of the Spirit to the Church.



 **Stephen Ministry Training** - Serving Fairbanks and North Pole. A complete system for lay people to provide Christ's care. If interested in any of the following ministries, please contact Ann Nickerson at Sacred Heart Cathedral, phone 978-5281 or email ann@cbna.org. One-on-one caring, listening, prayerful, confidential visits • Life's losses: e.g. grief, divorce • Homebound ministry • Hospital ministry • Tele-care • Crises care • Correspondence • Denali Center • Pioneer Home • Hospice Care • Fairbanks Correctional Center • Food Bank • Loving Families. Trainees attend two sessions per week: Sat (9 am to 12 pm) and Wed (6 to 8:30 pm) beginning Sat, March 7, 2020, and ending Wednesday, May 15, 2020. Scheduled for breaks for major parish events. All classes are held in SHC Community Room or Social Hall, depending on other scheduled events or classes.



Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph - For information on how to become an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph (men or women), please contact

Patty Walter at 374-9536 or pattywalter@hotmail.com. We generally meet once a month on the first Thursday at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Associates of St. Joseph make an annual commitment to lead lives that strive to work for justice, reach out to those in need, and to build relationships in the spirit of hospitality and simplicity. We have been an active group in Fairbanks since 1987.



Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity in our Lord. The World's largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization. Do you want to become a Knight? It promotes •Life from conception until natural death. •Assists the sick, homeless, and needy. Prayer and virtuous lifestyle by example. It supports our parishes and diocese. Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities.

Joining your local council of the Knights of Columbus can change your life

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

"Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the sea, and there came a great calm" (Gospel).

This is a picture of both the human and the Divine in Jesus and in His Church (symbolized by the dome of St. Peter's at the right). Jesus, a *tired* Man, fell off to sleep during "a great storm." Jesus, the *tireless*, wide-awake God, "arose," as it were from the tomb of a dead sleep, to restore "a great calm."

Enemies of the Church are ever ready to gloat over our human "weakness" (Prayer, Secret), tossed about by the "waves" of human passion, by the "winds" of inhuman evil spirits.

The Divine Presence is within our baptized, absolved souls. Let us rise up "from the fascination of earthly things" (Postcommunion).

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

