



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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February 16, 2020

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time -A

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

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Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

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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; Joel Rivera; 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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Implications of the New Law

Sirach 5:16-21 Our Free Will

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 True Wisdom

Matthew 5:17-37 The Old Law and The New

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.



The Commons

held an open house this past Friday (2/14) to view the area to be used by students during the day (7am-5pm) and groups can reserve space in the evening.

We have Claire Swanson and Grace Bolt (student workers at Wood Center) to thank for spearheading this project and UAF Chancellor Daniel M. White for



listening to concerns on the need for space for



faith clubs. Doors will open Feb. 24th for students. CSA gatherings can begin again in 2-hour blocks of time. We look forward to students finding quiet space for prayer and meditation during the day.

Feb 21st – This Friday stop by our table during WinterFest at Wood Center and meet Fr. Fath and find out what CSA has to offer you! Pick up a free pair of folding sunglasses while they last as the sunshine is bright now!

Spring Job Fair – Students don't forget to take advantage of the Job Fair this coming Wednesday – Feb 19th from 11am-3pm in the Wood Center Ballroom.

Feb 26th – Ash Wednesday – Fr. Robert Fath and Dominic Woycik will be at a table in Wood Center from 11:30am-1:30pm to distribute ashes to students, professors and workers on campus.

Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020

How do you reconcile with those who have offended or hurt you?

St. Mark University Catholic Parish



Old Blessed Palms: You are invited to bring your blessed dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday. Please place them in the basket in the church entry. Thank you.

FEBRUARY Birthdays/Anniversaries will be celebrated next Sunday after Mass. Please bring something edible to share and is easy to clean up. St. Mark will provide drinks and serving items.

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 be collecting information on wedding anniversaries to recognize these special times. *Celebrating one's anniversary must never be overlooked, as it reinforces the fact that your marriage is a priority. An anniversary celebration also allows you to pull back from your daily grind and relive a moment that changed your life forever*" Shelley Emling

From the Chancery

The Chancery will be closed Monday (Feb 17th) for Presidents Day and will reopen Tuesday, February 18th at 8:30am.

Please pray for Bishop Chad Zielinski as he continues his time in Europe on a retreat.

Coming March 2-6 is the Priest Convocation in Anchorage. All area priests and around the state will be attending.

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.

The next Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Program in Anchorage begins Feb. 28, 2020. Phone 907-863-8000, or go to: www.HelpOurMarriage.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.

Want to join a vibrant and dynamic young faith community? Come share in the rich tradition of the Church with the Sacred Heart youth program! Our core team is composed of five young adults who serve as joyful witnesses to life in Christ and are committed to cultivating a social environment that takes faith to the next level. Meetings are weekly on Monday nights from 7-9 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Like us on Facebook to stay up to date on our latest events. Verso l'alto!—To the heights.

February 16, 2020 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern-day Pharisee.

Of Interest at other Parishes

St. Raphael

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

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

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

Feb 17 (Mon) - Youth Group 7-9pm

Feb 18 - Voices of Hope Prayer Group 6:15-9pm

Feb 19 - Hispanic Prayer Group 7-8:30pm

Feb 20 - 7-8:30pm RCIA

Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

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

St. Nicholas Catholic Church - North Pole

Feb 17 - (Mon) - Office Closed

6:30pm Bible Study

Feb. 21-23 -Catholic Engaged Encounter

Immaculate Conception Church

Feb 16 - Service of Healing and Blessing 12noon
Confessions and Anointing will be available.

Feb 16 (Sun) - St. Kateri Circle meets at 2pm -
Mass and Potluck

Feb 21 (Fri) - Faith-Fil-Food 6:30pm ICC
Murphy Hall. Movie "Unbroken: Path
to Redemption" 7pm.

Feb 22 (Sat) - Tridentine Latin Mass at ICC w/
potluck afterwards.

Feb. 28 - Mass for Health and Healing

Mar 27 - KC Fish Fry 5:30-8:30pm at Monroe
Catholic School.

April 17 - 19 Divine Mercy Retreat Dc. Harold
Burke Severs



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 -8:00pm

What Happens at Mass 12

Now it is time to discuss the "First Reading". I have said that the Gospel is the center of the Liturgy of the Word. This claim has its roots in the Old



Testament, and on a most basic level, it is a careful reading of the text as a whole, which leads us to make such a claim. The Old Testament, which is used in the first reading, is a vast collection of theological traditions developed during well over a thousand years. Yet, despite the differences of

the many human circumstances and authors that are reflected there, it is not difficult for the one who reads with faith to see that the collection as a whole leads to a center. When a passage of this collection is read at Mass, now in virtue of Jesus' Resurrection, that original event becomes the event of the community that hears it. That is, the Christian community hears it with the insight lent it by the presence of the risen Lord. What happens at Mass during the reading of the Old Testament passage was expressed already in the Gospel of Luke where the story of the risen Lord's appearance to the two disciples along the road to Emmaus is recounted. "How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced!" and again later, "Jesus said, Everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and psalms had to be fulfilled."

In addition to the context of the first reading, we should also take into account the one who is asked to read the passage. More is happening here than just a sense of "somebody has to do this", so we chose one of the baptized. Even as we listen to the reading, we should marvel at the grace that enables one of us to stand up and be used as an instrument through which the holy and life-giving Word of God is announced in the assembly. At the end of the proclamation of the passage, the reader bluntly declares what it is that we have just heard: "The word of the Lord". We, as the body of Christ, express orally what is in our hearts, "Thanks be to God!"

The
Word
of God



Resolution Reset: Why February is the Perfect Time to Recommit to Spiritual Goals.

Check out this article on <https://bustedhalo.com/life> to help you get focused on what is important. Live by the Church calendar not by work calendar and you'll become more active in liturgical activities. Visit with your priest as a sounding board. Take time weekly to see what this site offers to continue in your spiritual growth – resources, news, videos, podcasts and radio.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

Sexagesima Sunday

"The sower went out to sow his seed . . . Now . . . the seed is the word of God" (Gospel).



Every springtime God, as it were, rewrites the Book of Genesis and Creation. Appropriate to the coming spring, Jesus is now pictured as the Divine "Sower." He sows "seed" in the soil of our souls, covered with "rocks" of hardening pride, "thorns" of softening "pleasures!"

The Epistle is a vivid picture, moving in quick action over Europe and Asia, but above all moving our souls to action as it describes the sacrifices of Paul, the "sower," sowing the "word of God," despite *passions* from within, *persecutions* from without. — Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Carmel Communications encourages all to see the movie "I Still Believe" coming to Regal Cinema March 12-19; showing at 7:30pm and 9:30pm. Based on a true story



Lent *When you see this logo in upcoming weeks, it will be followed with schedule of events in the Fairbanks-North Pole area churches schedules for the Lenten Season.

Communal Lenten Penance Services

March 1 (Thu) – 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral
March 26, (Thu) – 7pm at St Nicholas - North Pole
March 31, (Tue) – 7pm at St Raphael – Fairbanks
Lent is a time of reflection so that we can make a proper repentance before Easter. Spend time before you attend Lenten Services to pray and reflect on your life. Let God's grace heal you.