



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

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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 Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC).

**Sunday Mass:** 5:30 pm at SHC

*Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive early and ask the priest about the availability of low gluten hosts.*

**For the homebound,** SHC [streams](#) their 8AM Mass on Sunday most mornings.

**SHC Adoration:** Thursday 8AM-12Noon & Saturday 3-4PM

**SHC Confessions:** Saturday 3-4PM or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick.** Please let us know when you or others are sick, going into the hospital, or in assisted living home so they may be included in our prayers and receive a visit upon request.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**1/18 (Sat):** 7 PM Youth Game Night at SHC

**1/22 (Wed):** Day of Prayer

**1/24 (Fri):** March for Life

**1/25 (Sat):** 10 AM – Noon - Altar Server Training at SHC

**1/23-26:** National March for Life in Washington D.C.

**1/26:** Catholic Schools Week

**2/28-3/2:** Diocesan Spring Engaged Encounter

## PASTOR

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## DEACON

Rev. Mr. Warren Lucero

## PARISH OFFICE:

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

## Catholic Definition: Baptism

The sacrament in which, by water and the word of God, a person is cleansed of all sin and reborn and sanctified in Christ to everlasting life. (Etym. Latin *baptisma*; from Greek *baptisma*, a dipping.) <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/>

**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment: <https://diocesoeffairbanks.org/report-abuse>.

## January 19, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



### First Reading: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

### Responsorial Psalm *96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10*

A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds.

### Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

### Gospel Reading: *John 2:1-11*

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

The story of the wedding at Cana is found only in the Gospel of John. The Church "sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence." (CCC, 1613).

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

*Heritage Mass parts #'s 890-897.*

- 538** Sing a New Song
- 440** Come, Holy Ghost
- 331** One Love Released
- 216** Praise God, From Whom  
All Blessings Flow
- 542** Come, Christians, Join to  
Sing



## 31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

- 3. Love.** "Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who dwells in them."  
(Gal 5:25, Eph 5:2)

## LATIN RITE MASS - 6 PM at Sacred Heart

January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> & April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>



### MONDAY

**SHC Club Discussion Group** – Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month (Feb 3) 12:30-2:30PM downstairs in the Community Room. **Surprised By Truth: 11 Converts give the Biblical and Historical Truth For Becoming Catholic** by Patrick Madrid (Part I) Contact: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**Bible Study Monday Nite** – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (every other Monday) in the SHC Social Hall, hosted by Michael Olsta (Office of Faith & Family Formation).

### TUESDAY

**Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA):** 7–8:30 PM at SHC.  
**Voices of Hope Prayer Group:** 6:30-8:30PM at SHC.

### WEDNESDAY

**Marian Prayer Group:** 6 PM at St. Raphael Church, after the 5:30 PM Healing Mass. The group reflects on one of the recent messages from Our Blessed Mother in Medugorje after the Rosary is said.

### THURSDAY

**Confirmation/Youth Group** – Confirmation – 5:30 PM; Youth Group 6:30–8:00 PM. Questions—Contact M. Way of Salvation at [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) or call (907) 987-9595.

**Men's Group** – Adoration: 6 PM; studying St. Thomas Aquinas at 7 PM at ICC.

**Franciscan Community** - 6:30 PM on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

### FRIDAY

**SHC Friday FOOD BOXES** - Calls taken from 10-11am. **Volunteers needed** to help distribute to clients in the parking lot 11 AM -1:00 PM. Please call SHC on 907-474-9032 for details.

**Voces Verbi** – Meets at 6 PM for Adoration, Pizza, and formation for Young Adults 18-35. Held at ICC.

### SATURDAY

**Oratory** – 1:00 PM at SHC.

**Religious Education** - 3–4:15 PM at SHC.

**Religious of the Incarnate Word 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Meetings** – 6PM every other Saturday at Monroe School. Formations talks – Games for kids in the gym. All who are interested are welcome to attend!

**Young Adults:** 7:00 pm Game Night at SHC meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Contact Diocesan Office of Faith and Family Formation (OFFF) Director Michael Olsta at 907-374-9526 or [olsta@cbna.org](mailto:olsta@cbna.org).

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception** - Serving Hours are from 1-3pm. Volunteers and items are needed. Contact ICC at 907-423-3533 ext. 1003, or email [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org)

### EVENTS & GROUPS OF INTEREST

**Spiritual Exercises** – Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women is coming Feb. 14-17. Contact [seridoras@cbna.org](mailto:seridoras@cbna.org)

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat** for engaged couples - Feb. 28 to Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. For more info go to: [Fairbanks.engagedencounter.com](http://Fairbanks.engagedencounter.com).

**Marriage Preparations** – Contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding - [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or call (907) 347-3005 .

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

**Seven Sisters Apostolate** – Everyday, three members of the Apostolate pray a holy hour for a specific clergy. For more information, contact Jan Fortune at [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com).

Altar Server Training! Training for persons interested in becoming altar servers will be on Saturday, January 25 from 10 AM – noon in the Cathedral. Everyone who has made his or her First Communion is eligible to serve, male or female, child, or adult. Servers are needed for all Masses. Please route any questions through the Cathedral Office to Elizabeth Crail (907) 474-9032.



**Justice Challenge:** On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal in our country. Since then millions and millions of unborn babies have been killed. The most basic of all human rights is life. The most basic of all Catholic social principles is the right to life and dignity for every human person. Your challenge this week is to do something to promote life and dignity for all. Advocate for unborn babies, fight against euthanasia or the death penalty, speak out for the rights of those whose dignity has been stripped from them. <https://pastoral.center>

### Connecting the Gospel...

**...to the First Reading:** Isaiah provides us with language to describe believing: “I will not be silent ... I will not be quiet.” He gives us as well language to describe the intimacy of belief: “My delight,” “Espoused,” “the Lord delights in you,” “your Builder shall marry you,” “God rejoice in you.”



**...to experience:** Some changes are self-initiated, for example, we stop smoking, resolve to exercise daily, watch less TV. Other changes are generated by an outside catalyst, such as a natural disaster or the loss of a job because of a bankrupt company. When we open ourselves to God’s actions within us, the most life-changing transformations occur.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

### Thinking of Others

**When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” (Jn. 2:3)**

**Adults:** When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

**Kids:** What can you do this week to help make someone’s job a little easier? <https://pastoral.center>



### How can we stay strong in our faith?

**Invite a friend to Mass.** A personal invitation can make all the difference to someone who has drifted from the faith or feels alienated from the Church. Everyone knows people like this, so everyone can extend a loving welcome. It might be that they just don’t have a ride and because of this have stayed away.

<https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/checklist-growing-faith/>





## “Catholics added seven books to the Bible.”

*What’s the truth behind the “Deuterocanonical” books?*

Your Protestant friend is having coffee with you again and he’s brought another big question with him.

He takes a sip of coffee, pauses, and says, “The Deuterocanonical books are really just apocrypha added by Catholics in 1546. The Bible has 66 books, not 73.”



Good question. But you don’t need to worry, you’re ready for this. You’ve been getting a steady diet of Get Fed and can answer this question easily!

The claim that the seven books of Tobias, Judith, Baruch, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, and Maccabees I and II (sometimes called the “Deuterocanonical” books) were added in 1546 is a myth that arose after the Protestant Revolt.

These books were not added in 1546. The oldest complete form of the Old Testament, a Greek translation called the Septuagint, contained these seven books (which were originally in Greek).

When the Church finalized which books made up the Bible at the Council of Rome in 382 A.D., she declared the Septuagint to be the official Old Testament. This decision was ratified in subsequent Church councils, with the last ratification taking place at Trent in...1546. The Church was not adding any new books—she was simply affirming the books that had been there all along.

The truth is that Luther and other Protestant revolutionaries removed these seven books because they went against incorrect Protestant teachings. In reaffirming the proper canon, the Council of Trent was responding to this innovation.

Interestingly, the 73-book version of the Bible remained predominant through the Protestant Revolt. In fact, the King James Version of 1611 contained all seven of the Deuterocanonical books!

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>.

**Spring Diocesan Engaged Encounter Retreat** is scheduled for **28 February-2 March 2025** at St. Nicholas Parish in North Pole. Couples preparing for a sacramental marriage can register online

at <https://fairbanks.engagedencounter.com/>.

The registration deadline is February 21st. For more information contact [fairbanks@engagedencounter.com](mailto:fairbanks@engagedencounter.com).

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)

## Do Whatever He Tells You



I once ran out of pizza at my kid’s birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn’t a big deal but come on. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang “Happy Birthday” and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I’ll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it’s such a silly little miracle. I don’t mean to be disrespectful — of course it’s an incredibly important moment in Christ’s public life. But it’s not healing a leper. It’s not raising the dead. It’s not even walking on water. It’s saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It’s so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus’ attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn’t answer him, because, between you and me, I don’t think he’s asking her. I think he’s asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: “Do whatever he tells you.”

I’m so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – January 17, 2025 ©Lpi



(January 16-24<sup>th</sup>) An annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s

intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the only apostle excluding Judas, who was not martyred?



January 12 : \$ 851.78 Actual  
Collection YTD 7/1/24-  
6/30/25): \$ 40,905.59  
Number of Parishioners: 99

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**2024 Donations** letters for doing your taxes will be available by January 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7***

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



#### POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY 2025 PRAYER INTENTION ***For a right to an education.***

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Please Pray For** Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Rev. Dcn. Warren Lucero; and all priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Pray for members of our parish & community and friends facing health issues: Kerri Cerney, Ben Orr, John Fox, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Dorothy & Frank McGilvary, Deborah Leibee, Fr. Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace, Jeanne Cannon, Galvin Family.

Our prayers for all who have passed before us. May they be welcomed into the eternal joy of God's presence.

#### **Weekly Prayer of the Faithful**

That we open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us the way God intended.

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

***"Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)***

At the Wedding at Cana, Jesus performs His first miracle, blessing the union of a married couple. Marriage is a sacred covenant, and like the servants at the wedding, we are called to listen to Christ's guidance in our marriages. Take time to pray together and invite Christ into your marriage, trusting in His power to strengthen your bond.

**Answer to Catholic Trivia Question: St. John**

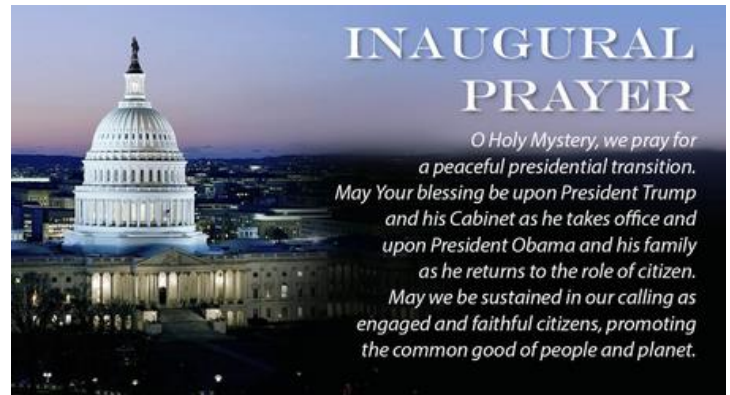


January 22, 2025

*"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."*  
(Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae)

#### **Beloved Marriage Preparation Classes**

Winter Classes at Sacred Heart on Saturday Mornings 9:00 to 10:30 AM - Feb 8,15,22 - March 8,15,22 2025. The 6 sessions speak to the very heart of every man and woman, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life. Please register by email with Fr Ross [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org)



#### **GET FREE CATHOLIC CONTENT ON FORMED.ORG**

Our parish has access to a great online resource, FORMED. This site gives parishioners the opportunity to watch quality Catholic full-length movies, lead small group faith formation and Scripture study in their home, download books and listen to CD's on our faith all in one location!

- (1) Log onto: <https://formed.org/>
- (2) Find our Parish by Typing in Fairbanks and selecting **Sacred Heart Cathedral Mark**
- (3) Click Next, then fill in your name and email address.
- (4) Start accessing content!

**Mass Intentions** may be offered for friends or loved ones, living or deceased. Just call the parish office on (907) 374-9564 or Sacred Heart Cathedral's Office on (907) 474-9032.

*Wisdom comes with winters. ~ Oscar Wilde*