



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 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.

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

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

3/5: ASH WEDNESDAY

3/9: 4PM at SHC Rites of Election & Continuing Conversion

3/10-14: UAF & FNSBSD Spring Break

PASTOR

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

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Warren Lucero

PARISH OFFICE:

Office Hours: 10am – 12noon

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Catholic Definition: Encounter

An existentialist term, appropriated in religious language, to describe the human being's meeting with Christ in the sacraments. The sacramental encounter is an effective communication of grace from Christ as God, through Christ as man, to the believing recipient. <https://www.catholicculture.org>

31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

6. Love for God's Word. "May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb" (Ps. 19:10)

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm 1:1-4, 6

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Heritage Mass parts #'s 890-897.

725 Lead Me, Lord

641 O Breath on Me, O Breath of God

481 Psalm 42 (As the Deer Longs)

520 We Are the Light of the World

454 There is a Balm in Gilead



Funeral at Sacred Heart Cathedral for



Dr. John Daniel Fox, Jr

Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30 PM.

Reception will follow in the Social Hall at 6:30PM.

Private burial will be held at a later date for the family

March 19, 1946 – January 27, 2025

Obituary may be found at <https://www.blanchardfh.com>



MONDAY

SHC Club Discussion Group – 1st Monday of the month 12:30-2:30PM downstairs in the Community Room.

Contact: 43janetf@gmail.com

Bible Study Monday Nite – Feb. 24th 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 downstairs at SHC every Tuesday. All are welcome!

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 Medjugorje after the Rosary is said.

THURSDAY

Confirmation/Youth Group – Confirmation – 5:30 PM; Voces Teen Youth Group 6:30–8:00 PM. Questions—Contact M. Way of Salvation at 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 1st Thursday of the month at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle 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 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.

Nocturnal Adoration 7AM–7PM Every Friday at ICC.

SATURDAY

Oratory – 1:00 PM at SHC.

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

Religious of the Incarnate Word 3rd Order Meetings – 6PM every other Saturday at Monroe School. Formations talks – Games for kids in the gym. All who are interested are welcome.

Young Adults: 7:00 pm Game Night at SHC meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Contact Diocesan OFFF Director Michael Olsta at 907-374-9526 or 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

EVENTS & GROUPS OF INTEREST

Spiritual Exercises – Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women is coming Feb. 14-17. Contact servidoras@cbna.org

Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat for engaged couples - Feb. 28 to Mar. 2nd, 2025 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. For more info go to: Fairbanks.engagedencounter.com.

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding - 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.



Justice Challenge: February is Black History Month. In addition, we celebrate President Lincoln's birthday on February 12. Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation to restore to African

Americans their God-given right to be treated as human beings fully equal in God's eyes with the rest of society. Jesus told us his mission was to emancipate people from the things which oppressed them—poverty, enslavement, despair, whatever broke the human spirit. Your challenge this week is to emancipate someone from injustice. Who needs to be freed from oppression? Is it the kid at school who is constantly picked on? Is it the worker who is discriminated against? Is it the elderly shut-in? Whom will you liberate?

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

...to the First Reading: Blessedness, by its very nature, bears good things because it is of God. For Jeremiah, blessedness brings the lushness that water can bring to a desert. For Jesus, blessedness brings the unimaginable reward of belonging to God.



...to experience: Although we in our society are proud that we do not have classes or castes that separate, in fact we do have distinctions that separate, not least among them being the rich and the poor, the have and the have-nots. We discover the presence of God's kingdom when people come together across what divides and share both gifts and needs, so that everyone is on "level ground."

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Reaching Out to Others

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." (Luke 6:20)

Adults: In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?

Kids: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

<https://pastoral.center>

How can we stay strong in our faith? Read a good book. We need to fill our minds with the goodness of God and the witness of the saints. Pick up one to read 10 minutes a day during Lent, it can do wonders!

<https://www.amadorcatholic.com/10-ways-to-grow-your-faith>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the term or sharing of the faith through witness of life and word?

NEXT WEEK: We'll have the Ash Wednesday and Lenten Schedule will be posted next week. If you have something to add to this list, please email: stmark@cbna.org. Our website will keep you updated with reflections and topics of interest for Lent.



How can rest be holy?

And why must we rest on Sundays and holy days?

Nowadays, we think of rest as a sort of “mental health break,” a thing which we grasp at in our exhaustion from the helter-skelter of life but never quite catch. That’s a misrepresentation of this important aspect of the Christian life.

Think of the seventh day of Creation, when God rested from His labors. Genesis reckons six days of divine labor, which shows us the enormity of Creation. Then, on the seventh day—God rested.

Not only did God rest—an act totally unnecessary for Him—but He rendered sacred to Man the day on which He rested and gave it to Man as a gift he must keep.

The Jewish people called this day the Sabbath and kept it on what is now Saturday. However, because Our Lord rose on a Sunday—completing a new creation—we Christians keep Sunday as our day of rest. This expands into important feasts whose solemnities approach that of a Sunday.

The Church considers rest so important that, in addition to attending Mass, she actually commands us to rest from work on Sundays and holy days!

The key to practicing rest as a virtue—as something we should actively, intentionally cultivate—is to see it as a visit with God, a time to rest in Him.

Now, you might ask, “Well, how do I rest?” Good question!

Put aside housework, chores, and errands. Mentally close up shifting thoughts about what needs to be done. Do something you enjoy—reading, getting outdoors, engaging in a hobby.

Consider turning off your phone and iPad for a while. Enjoy your time of rest with God and share it with Him.

Rest is a habit we can cultivate throughout the week, not just on Sundays.

<https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/who-was-the-real-st-valentine/>

FLOCKNOTE: Keep in touch with us for free! Text ‘**SMDOF**’ to 84576 or connect with us online at ‘**SACREDHEARTAK.FLOCKNOTE.COM/STMARKPARISH**’. Or fill out one of the cards on the table at the entrance of church (SHC) and drop in the collection basket or leave it on the table. *Thank You!*

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment
In the End, Does it Matter



When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – February 13, 2025©Lpi



June 9th-13th (Mon-Fri)
9AM – 3PM
Ages 6-17
\$30/child (\$100 max for family)
Registration Due by May 1st

<https://Dioceseoffairbanks.org/summer-oratory>
Any questions contact the sisters: servidoras@cbna.org

“Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather it is “timing” it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way.” ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen



February 9: \$ 757.01
Actual Collection YTD
(7/24- 6/25): \$ 45,688.05
Number of Parishioners: 62

Thank you for your continued support!
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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” – LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY 2025 PRAYER INTENTION ***For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.***

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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 [Jubilee of Artists](#).

Pray for health and healing - Ron (Carol) Johnson, Kerri Cerney, Ben Orr, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Dorothy & Frank McGilvary, Deborah Leibee, Fr. Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace, and the Galvin Family.

Pray for those who have died.

Ordinary Time (24-58 days):

- > Lasts from the Last Sunday after Epiphany until Shrove Tuesday.
- > Celebrates no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ.
- > Readings tell of miscellaneous teachings and deeds of Jesus' life.
- > Every Sunday is a celebration of the Pascal Mystery.
- > It 'filler' time between more important feasts.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful: That we have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations.

Beloved Marriage Preparation Classes

Winter Classes at Sacred Heart on Saturday Mornings 9:00 to 10:30 AM -Feb 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



Spring Diocesan Engaged Encounter is scheduled for February 28 – March 2, 2025, at St. Nicholas Parish in North Pole. Couples preparing for a sacramental marriage can register online at <https://Fairbanks.engagedencounter.com>. The deadline for registration is February 21st. Contact fairbanks@engagedencounter.com for more information. Please sign up early!

LATIN RITE MASS – March 8th & 22nd
6 PM at Sacred Heart

GET FREE CATHOLIC CONTENT ON FORMED.ORG

Our parish has access to a great online resource, FORMED. Check out what they have to offer this week at <https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

- (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. Masses on Sunday are offered for all members of the St. Mark Community.

FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center is looking for female ultrasound models, pregnant and non-pregnant for Ultrasound Training March 4th-8th. 1-hour time slots are available Tuesday-Saturday. If interested, please call 455-8255 or email them us at hello@fyndoutfree.com with your phone numbers and leave a message for a good time to call back. Learn more about FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center on their website: www.fyndoutfree.com

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

Answer to Catholic Trivia Question:
Evangelization