



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.

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St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

No Vespers on April 20th (Easter Sunday)

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at SHC



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

13 Palm Sunday (4/13) – 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

5:30 PM St. Mark Mass

14-16 Mon-Wed 5-8:00 PM Confessions, Anointing of the Sick, and Adoration

14-15 Mon-Tue 5-8:00 PM Get help from the tribunal on your questions about Marriage and Annulments. Contact Tribunal Office at 907-374-9504 or rfath@cbna.org if you have any questions.

17 Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM

18 Good Friday

Stations – 3:00 PM - *The devotion to The Way of the Cross, the 14 stations from the time of Christ's condemnation to His burial, is a time to pray and meditate on His sacrifice for us.*

Passion – 7:00 PM

19 Easter Vigil – 8:00 PM Saturday

20 Easter Sunday – 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM - Spanish

No St. Mark Easter Sunday Mass 5:30 PM Mass.

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday Year C (Passion Sunday)



Gospel at the Procession with Palms: Luke 19:28-40

Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-23:56

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

MUSIC OF THE MASS – April 13, 2025

Chant Mass Parts #840-846



59 Lift Up your Hearts

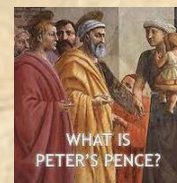
146 All Glory Laud and Honor

160 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Lamb of God(Twila Paris)

722 Hail, Redeemer King Divine

If you would like to join the St. Mark Choir for 8:00 PM Easter Vigil services, please contact George Stefan (907-687-0077), St. Mark office (907-374-9544), or check or website <https://stmarksuaf.org> for practice times.

At the request of the Holy Father during the Triduum a Good Friday Collection is taken to support people of the Holy Land and the pilgrims who visit. It helps provide Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Places in the Holy Land.



Morning Masses CANCELLED at Sacred Heart Cathedral during Triduum of Holy Week - 4/17 (Thu) – 4/19 (Sat.)

31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

13. Kindness. "Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else" (1 Thess. 5:15).



MONDAY

SHC Club Discussion Group – Meets on first Monday from 12:30-2:30 PM downstairs in the Community Room. Contact: 43janett@gmail.com

Bible Study Monday Nite – Rescheduled April 14th & 28th 6:30 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:** 6:00-8:30PM 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 Medugorje after the Rosary is said.



THURSDAY – SATURDAY

During HOLY WEEK and EASTER, regularly scheduled events will be canceled in lieu of Triduum and Easter schedules.

The Chancery will be closed on April 18th (Friday) and April 21st (Monday).

Parish Offices will be closed April 21st (Monday) for SHC, ICC, St. Raphael, St. Mark, and St. Nicholas.

EVENTS & GROUPS OF INTEREST

Summer Oratory – June 9th-13th (M-F) 9AM-3PM at Saint Nicholas Parish in North Pole for ages 6-17.

Register by May 1st, at

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/summer-oratory>

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

Funeral at Sacred Heart Cathedral for



Mary Beth Perreault

Tuesday, April 29 at 1:00 PM

Reception at 3:00 PM to follow at St. Raphael Church

Please keep Deacon Paul Perreault and his family in your prayers. They are very grateful for the support and continued prayers from all.



Justice Challenge: What is the role of anger and rage in our lives? What purpose does it serve? We often think that when we feel anger, we need to express it... we need to get it out of our system. Perhaps anger has a different purpose as Jesus suggests to the angry crowd that is about to hurl stones at the guilty woman. Perhaps anger is a signal that there is something wrong inside of us, some pain that has surfaced because we have witnessed an injustice in the world and our consciences are feeling pricked. Anger can trick us into thinking that the injustice is outside of us or that we are above it. But Jesus suggests that when we seek justice with anger, rage, or revenge, we should use our anger to look within and hurl stones at our own sin. The challenge this week is to address the injustice that has root in our own souls.

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** Isaiah's prophecy finds its fulfillment in Jesus: it not only describes his suffering but also his concern for others, "speak[ing] to the weary a word" of comfort.

... **to experience:** When we hear the proclamation of the Passion, we are most mindful of all the suffering Jesus endured. Luke reminds us that the passion also proclaims Jesus' ultimate self-giving ministry for others.



<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

False Pride

Jesus straightened up and said, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn. 8:7)

Adults: Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapproved of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Kids: When have you criticized or made fun of Someone? What could help you act differently?

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PALM SUNDAY

CALLED TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIFE

Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit www.csricebowl.org/week-5 to learn more.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: : True or False? St. Peter's Basilica stands taller than the Statue of Liberty. (Answer on back page)



Why was Jesus always going to the Mount of Olives?

What's the story behind one of the New Testament's most frequently mentioned spots?

There are several reasons why Jesus may have chosen this ancient spot, all of them wrapped in rich symbolism.

The Mount of Olives is first mentioned in King David's time. When David came to Jerusalem, he dedicated a spot on the Mount of Olives to *Yahweh*. Before the Temple was built, people could go to that holy place to pray. It became a focal point for worship again when the Temple was destroyed.

The hill's name reveals much, too. The Mount and its adjoining hills look dry and mostly barren now, but at the time of Jesus—and before—it was a lush olive orchard. Olives meant so much to the Jewish people.



Olive oil was a large part of their economy; many people made their living from manufacturing and selling the oil. Olives came to represent life and prosperity. The beauty and hardiness of the trees symbolized strength and vitality. Giving someone an olive branch was a gesture of conciliation.

The olives from the Mount, however, were even more special than those in other places. Their oil was used solely for anointing kings and high priests.

These are the reasons, then, why Jesus may have selected this spot:

1. The place had a long history of sacredness and beauty.
2. It once belonged to His predecessor, King David.
3. Its trees represented the placation of anger.
4. It proclaimed itself as His holy ground with the priestly, kingly nature of its fruits and its soil dedicated to *Yahweh*.

Jesus came to us as our King and High Priest as well as our Savior. <https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

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. stmarks@cbna.org

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
The Stones Will Cry Out



I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't *really* want to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, "Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to "wordless witness" in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is "insufficient." We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his promises. We must *proclaim* him.

We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we "impose" truth on someone's conscience instead of "proposing" it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – April 10, 2025©Lpi.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: True @Lpi



Our Stewardship Report will be updated and printed on April 27th. Peter Pence donations can be made on Good Friday. Rice Bowls can be returned this weekend or April 27th. Thank you for your continued support! Consider online giving with [WeShare](#) on our website.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so as not to cause disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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.

...all our priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, and laity during this very busy Holy Week and Easter Weekend. ...that we may fully immerse in the wonder and glory of the feast days of Holy Week.

...members and friends of St. Mark parish.

...respect for life from conception to natural death.

...Reagan Smith, Kerri Cerney, Ron Johnson, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Dorothy & Frank McGilvary, Ben Orr, Deborah Leabee, Fr Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace, the Galvin family.

... Mary Beth Perreault (wife of Deacon Paul Perreault) and our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.” Philippians 2:6-7

Stewardship is an attitude. It is an attitude that does not seek praise from others, but an attitude that strives to serve others. Every day a steward asks, “Who does God want me to serve today?”



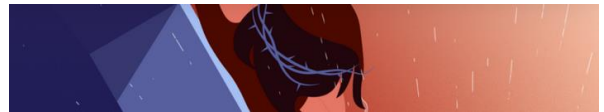
Keep current of what is happening in our diocese by visiting the Diocese of Fairbanks www.dioceseoffairbanks.org. Read Diocesan news, publications (the newest edition of the Alaska Shepherd), contact information for other parishes this large diocese, as well as ministries available to Catholics in Alaska.



For more information on the Year of Hope scan the QR code or go to the Diocesan website at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/the-year-of-hope>

The Diocese of Fairbanks is now hiring: **Chief Financial Officer (CFO).**

This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references to humanresources@cbna.org. For a detailed list of job duties and other information, please visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>.



“But Palm Sunday tells us that ... it is the cross that is the true tree of life.” – Pope Benedict XVI

The Donkey BY G. K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and
sickening cry And ears like
errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.



The tattered outlaw of the earth, Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

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>