



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.

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St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

No Vespers April 27th (SHC 3 -4 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour)

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at SHC

CALENDAR of EVENTS

4/20: EASTER SUNDAY (No 5:30 PM Mass)

4/12: 7 PM CSA Mass/Meeting (Last of the school year)

4/25-27: April Jubilees Teenagers

4/26: 7 PM Young Adult Game Night in SHC Social Hall

4/27: 3 - 4 PM **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** at SHC

4/27-29: Carlo Acutis Documentary at Regal Cinema

4/28-30: April Jubilees Persons with Disabilities

4/28: 6:30 PM SHC Bible Study in Social Hall

4/28-30: Priestly Formation Days

4/30-6/4: 6 – 7:30 PM Spring 2025 Beloved Marriage Preparation at St. Raphael Parish

5/4 (Sun): 11:00 AM 1st Communion at SHC

5/10: (Sat): 9:00 AM **Altar Server Training** at SHC

5/15-18: Men's Silent Ignatian Retreat at ICS

6/7 (Sat): 11:00 AM Confirmation at SHC.

6/9-13: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Summer Oratory at St. Nicholas Parish in North Pole for ages 6-17.

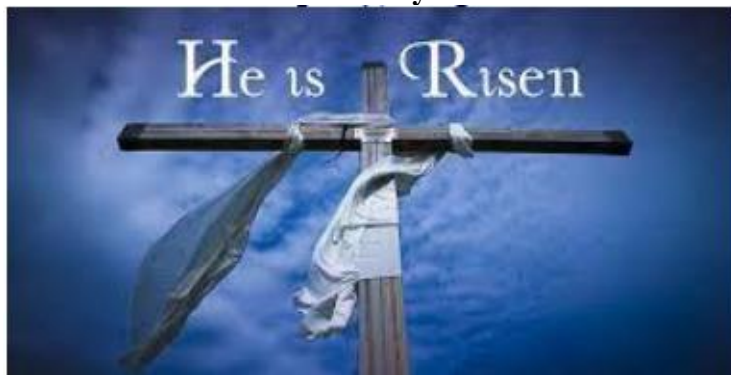
Catholic Definition: EASTER

The day commemorating Christ's Resurrection from the dead. It is the greatest of all Christian festivals, having the central place in the liturgical year. It is the Christian feast linked with the Jewish Pasch. The exultant Alleluia is constantly repeated in the Mass and Divine Office, the Vidi Aquam replaces the Asperges, and the Regina Coeli the Angelus. The Easter season continues from Easter Sunday to Trinity Sunday inclusive. (Etym. Anglo-Saxon Eastre, Teutonic goddess of dawn and spring.)

<https://www.catholicculture.org>

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday Year C



First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43*

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossian 3:1-4

Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Have a Blessed Easter !

Chancery, St. Mark Offices, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, St. Raphael, and St. Nicholas parish offices will be closed on Monday, and will reopen on Tuesday, 22 April 2025.



Divine Mercy Novena – The Knights of Columbus are leading the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 3:00 PM every day from 19th to 26th.

Special Divine Mercy Hour Sunday - April 27th – 3:00-4:00 PM.

Divine Mercy Sunday - The Greatest Day of Grace is the weekend after Easter! Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, April 16, 2023, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Divine Mercy Sunday was initiated by St. Pope John Paul II in April 2000. It is based on the private relations of [St. Faustina Kowalska](#).



MONDAY

Bible Study Monday Nite – April 28 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room at SHC.

TUESDAY

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): 7–8:30 PM.
Voices of Hope Prayer Group: 6:00-8:30PM downstairs at SHC every Tuesday. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY

Beloved Marriage Prep – 6:00 – 7:30 PM at St. Raphael's (April 30 – June 4). Contact Elizabeth to register at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org.

FRIDAY

To request Food Boxes - people may call in orders at (907) 374-0572 from 10:00 –11:30 AM and pick up their food boxes from 12:15 – 1:00 PM.

Voces Verbi – Adoration, Formation, & Pizza for Young Adults 18-35 at ICC. - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY

Confirmation/Youth Group at SHC. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org
 Confirmation – 5:30

Voces Teen Youth Group - 6:30-8:00 PM

SATURDAY

Confessions & Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament – 3:00 – 4:00 PM at SHC.

Religious Education: Held at SHC. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org

Oratory – 1:00 PM

Religious Ed 3:00 – 4:15 PM

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>

Baptism Classes: The three-part Baptism class is for parents of infants and children under the age of 7. For more information, email Fr. Peter Bang at pbanng@cbna.org.

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 incredibly grateful for the support and continued prayers from all.

“Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.”

~St. Catherine of Siena



Justice Challenge: Those of us who are committed to working for justice in the world often find ourselves addressing one problem after another. We can get into a rut of cynicism when our spirits become depleted from all of our problem-solving. It is important for the ministry of justice to step back from the darkness of injustice and celebrate the beauty of what is right with the world. Your Easter challenge is to enhance your spirit of gratitude for the good and just things that happen around you all of the time. Identify them and rejoice for Christ is rising in them.

<https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: came to the tomb, early in the morning, stone removed from the tomb, taken the Lord from the tomb, came to the tomb, arrived at the tomb, went into the tomb, arrived at the tomb, had to rise from the dead

To the point: Mary arose “early in the morning” to go to Jesus’ tomb. This image of a new day speaks to us of a new beginning, new opportunities, new encounters. Early morning speaks to us of the freshness of new life. By contrast, this gospel uses the word “tomb” seven times, speaking to us about the seeming finality of Jesus’ death. By even greater contrast, the gospel ends with the Scripture certitude that Jesus “had to rise from the dead.” Death is overcome. Death has no victory. God is the Lord of life. Easter celebrates a new beginning, our certitude of new life. May we choose that Life.



<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Made New by Christ

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. (1 Cor. 5:7)

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Kids: What bad habit would you like to “clear out” during the hopeful time of this Easter season? <https://pastoral.center>



**EASTER SUNDAY
 HAPPY EASTER!**

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God’s call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at our St. Mark 5:30 PM Sunday Mass by April 27th or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to the Gospel stories, who was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus? (Answer on page 3.)



How long is the Easter season?

Much like Christmas, Easter is no “one-day” feast.

The Easter Octave concludes April 27th.

But does our Easter celebration end there? Is it all over once the octave concludes?

The resounding answer is: **No!**

The season of Easter continues on for a full **fifty days**, up through the feast of Pentecost (which is June 8th this year). Easter is the most important feast in the liturgical calendar, and it only makes sense that the Church should celebrate not just a feast, not just an octave, but a whole *season* in honor of Our Lord’s Resurrection.



Within these fifty days we celebrate some important feasts: Divine Mercy Sunday (that’s this coming Sunday), the Feast of the Ascension (in most places, the Sunday before Pentecost), and finally, Pentecost itself, the birthday of the Church!

So don’t wind down your celebrations yet. We’ve got seven weeks of joy ahead of us.

So bring the joy of Easter into your home all year!

<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

31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

15. Generosity. “Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.” (1 Tim. 14:19)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Mary Magdalene @Lpi

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



Everybody’s trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: *God*. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It’s a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. *Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?*

Catechesis isn’t enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus’ best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we’re heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. *He’s left us*, we think dejectedly, but we’re wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don’t let the empty tombs define you. It’s the search that defines you.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – April 17, 2025©Lpi.



Next week (April 27th) we will take up a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today nearly

40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs (*Our Diocese benefits from this appeal*). Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/chma-2025-bulletin-insert.pdf>



Our Stewardship Report will be updated and printed on April 27th. 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 Light

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

(ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives in **Stewardship** reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!



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.

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

...those who are sick, facing medical treatment, or hospitalized.

...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.

... Kerri (daughter of parishioners Jim & Mary Cerney) who passed away on Friday (April 18th) and all our dearly departed who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

"He is not here; He has been raised." (Luke 24:6)

The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the Church? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we let our lives reflect God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.



Keep current on 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>

Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits for the Diocese of Fairbanks. 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>.

Spring Marriage Preparation
at St. Raphael

April 30 – June 4, 2025

Wednesdays: 6:00– 7:30 PM



St. Raphael is offering the Beloved marriage preparation classes this Spring. We invite all those who are engaged or thinking about marriage to join in learning how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship. Sessions take place at St. Raphael Parish on April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, and June 4.

To register - Contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks or 907-457-6603

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**KEEP
CALM
AND BECOME
ALTAR
SERVER!**

there will be a scheduled training on Saturday, May 10th, at 9:00 AM in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Take that first step with joining and become confident in building new skills in assisting the priest in celebration of the liturgy during Mass and actively participate in the liturgy! Don't worry...you'll be guided each step of the way until you have it down. Those 8 to 80 who have received First Communion are eligible.

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>

"Yes, Christ is truly risen, and we are witnesses of this. We proclaim this witness to the world, so that the joy which is ours will reach countless other hearts, kindling in them the light of the hope which does not disappoint."

— St. John Paul II, 2000