



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

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at SHC

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

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

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

5/5-8: **Clergy Days in Fairbanks**

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: CONCLAVE

The enclosure of the cardinals while electing a pope. To avoid interference from the outside, Pope Gregory X, in 1274, ordered the papal election to take place in conclave. Gregory's own election was preceded by a record vacancy of two years and nine months. (*Etym. Latin con-, with + clavis, key: conclave, a room that can be locked up.*)

<https://www.catholicculture.org>

31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

16. Peace-loving. "Father, let my children make ever effort to do what leads to peace." (Rom 14:19)

The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.

April 27, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C



First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16*

Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

Responsorial Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: *Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19*

John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Music of the Mass – Divine Mercy Sunday

431 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

353 In The Breaking of the Bread

184 Ye Sons and Daughters

194 Jesus Christ Is Rise Today

Divine Mercy Sunday offers the opportunity for Grace

Divine Mercy Novena – The Knights of Columbus the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 3:00 PM every day until Saturday, April 26th.

Special Divine Mercy Hour Sunday (4/27) from 3:00 - 4:00 PM.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

A second collection will be taken up Sunday for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. 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. *The Diocese of Fairbanks benefits from this appeal!* We will add 3% of our April Collection total to the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

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

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

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.



Justice Challenge: A consistent theme in Catholic social teaching is the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. God loves all people but has a soft spot in his heart for the poor and vulnerable members of society. Thomas was vulnerable because he missed out on the first appearance of Jesus to the Apostles. He was an outsider among the group, and he expressed his sense of being “distant” by refusing to believe their story. When Jesus arrived again with Thomas present, he directed his attention to the vulnerable Thomas. Jesus loved all of his followers, but Thomas was in need of special, preferential attention. Jesus delivered, and Thomas believed. The challenge this week is to give attention to the outsider in your group. Draw that person back in with your love. It’s just the right thing to do as we celebrate Divine Mercy!

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the Second Reading: The risen Lord “holds the keys to death.” He unlocks the doors to new life not only for himself who is “alive for ever and ever” but also for us. We who believe in him as the gospel bids do not live in fear but in the peace his risen life brings.

... to the experience: We usually use the term “peace” in reference to absence of war or struggle.

The peace of which the gospel speaks, however, can be known even in the midst of war or struggle—because it is a peace that comes to us only through the risen Lord.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Living Without Fear

He placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.”

(Rev. 1:17b–18a)

Adults: When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

Kids: What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

<https://pastoral.center>



THANK YOU! Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. **THANK YOU** for being a part of this effort! **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl** by April 27th or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: The archangel Michael is traditionally holding what item? (Answer on page 3.)

“THE GREATEST ATTRIBUTE OF GOD IS LOVE AND MERCY.
IT UNITES THE CREATURE WITH THE CREATOR.”

ST. FAUSTINA



Why is Divine Mercy Sunday a big deal?

Divine Mercy Sunday is a relatively new feast and has only been celebrated since 2000. How did it come to be a major feast day?

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter. This feast day is highly regarded in the Catholic Church, even though it has only been celebrated for 24 years—a short time compared to other feasts that have been a long part of our Catholic tradition.

Why is Divine Mercy Sunday so important?

Most of us recognize the Divine Mercy image, which is based on St. Faustina's visions of Jesus. In this picture, Jesus is wearing a white garment, His left hand is touching His heart, and His right hand is raised in blessing. Red and pale blue rays pour out of Jesus' heart. At the bottom of the image are the words, "Jesus, I Trust In You."

In the 1930s, when Faustina's vision occurred, the world was facing the rise of fascism, communism, and a major World War. Devotion to Divine Mercy was desperately needed to restore a proper understanding of the sanctity and dignity of the human person.

Not only was St. Faustina asked to have an image made of her vision of Jesus, she also recorded her encounters with Christ in her diary, now known as *The Diary of St. Faustina*. According to her entries, in one appearance, Jesus said:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary, no. 699)

Jesus then requested that His mercy be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Five days after St. Faustina was canonized, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The image of Divine Mercy reminds us of Christ's infinite love and His desire for all of us to be close to Him. In times of trouble and despair, we remember that Christ's Divine Mercy will lead us to heaven. Invite God's merciful love into your heart and life! <https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: A sword. @Lpi

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
Wonder, Don't Wander



My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe. Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – April 24, 2025©Lpi.



TODAY, THINK ABOUT THE AREAS IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU COULD USE A DO-OVER.
REMEMBER: YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND A FRESH START WITH GOD.



Our Stewardship Report

April 6: \$ 1,510.01

April 13: \$1,498.04

Easter April 20: \$1,995.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/24- 6/25): \$ 59,616.15

Thank you for your continued support!

Stewards Sent

Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' (JOHN 20:21)"

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends his **Stewards**. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

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... 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.

...Pope Francis that he may be granted eternal rest and perpetual light shine upon him.

...the Holy Spirit to guide the Cardinals with unfailing care in finding a loving pastor Your Church.

...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 Cerney Garia, Ron Johnson, and Mike Johnson and all our dearly departed who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27, 2025

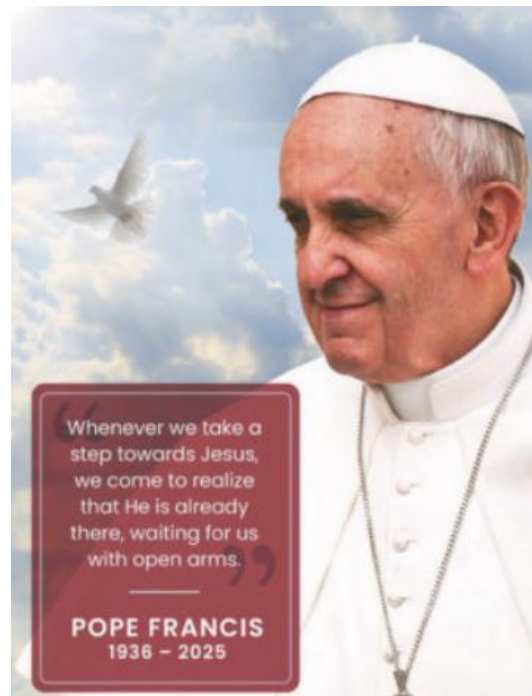
Uplift your Priest starts April 28th

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

If you are seeking peace and purpose in your life, open your heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let God's mercy guide your steps. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Robert Fath in the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we show mercy to someone we need to reconcile with.



Diocese of Fairbanks Job Opening 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 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! You'll be guided each step of the way until you have it down.

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>